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### Message from Dr Joe Spence, the Master



The summer term 2020 has now drawn to a close, a term unlike any other in Dulwich's 401 year history.

My end of year address to all staff, this year via Zoom, thanked all my colleagues, teachers and operational staff, for the work that has been done throughout lock down. From producing PPE visors in DT through to the dedication of the cleaning teams, from innovative teaching to creative learning, there has been much to celebrate. Some of our Summer 2020 stories were captured in our Virtual

Founder's Day, [a collection of 12 films](#) which we encourage you to watch if you missed them on Saturday June 27th.

One of the key developments of the latter part of this term has been the formation of a Diversity & Inclusion Alliance, of senior managers, staff and pupils, in answer the challenge of Black Lives Matter. As you may have read, there has been an explicit call from the alumni of leading independent schools in the UK to look at how those schools deal with racism and promote diversity. At Dulwich I have suggested we need to shift from being a non-racist institution to one that is actively anti-racist. Already we have identified four key areas of action: increasing the diversity of the teaching body, introducing unconscious bias training, tackling casual racism more explicitly and auditing the curriculum. I would like to record here my sincere thanks to those OAs who have contacted me directly on this topic offering their advice and active support. I have already enjoyed some very fruitful conversations.

Dulwich's history shows that we are at our strongest when we are a diverse school, representing talent from many different backgrounds – ensuring that an OA is someone who neither defers nor condescends to anyone, but meets all as equals.

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## John Lovering CBE, President of the Alleyn Club



The crisis since March this year has given us time for reflection on what matters. Health and respect for those delivering our everyday needs have gone up the league table. Family, friends and social contact seem more important than a promotion or a new car.

Across the western world there has been a deeper questioning of the social order than we have witnessed in a generation. In the UK, society has been consistent and largely united that our ideal is equality of opportunity and generous mitigation of the inequality of outcomes. What can be done to improve it further without dismantling a system which has given us the wealth to choose our path?

Dulwich has long promoted multi-racial, multi-cultural diversity. Our successful alumni have been of all races, religions and nationalities and progressed in the Arts, Science and every other field of human effort, even the Civil Service. Our history and values which see a third of pupils on some form of financial support have been at the forefront of the school's aspiration and achievement.

We are realistic about our history set in its context. We do not believe Edward Alleyn, proprietor of a South Bank fun venue, was a saint. We do not pretend that Shackleton's generations views on race and imperialism are consistent with modern day mores. This does not diminish his achievements and sacrifice nor make our awe at his leadership less valid.

We can stand in the Lower Hall and see our proudly portraited VCs. We know they were sacrificing themselves in a cause designed to enhance Britain's imperial might and the commercial power of UK plc rather than in support of universal human rights. We can revere their human virtues and bravery whatever their context. I cringe at some of the attitudes prevalent when I was at the College fifty years ago or more but I am still full of pride.

However, to be true to the memory of Alleynians over 400 years we must be adaptable. The Club's active membership and committee structure must increasingly reflect the school of recent years and, in time, today. We have reduced the age of our Committee and we must find ways to persuade Alleynians of all races, lifestyles and beliefs to feel this is their club and one they want to get more involved in. We need you all, not just a sliver of silver Alleynians to come forward, pitch in and help shape the club and its direction. If you feel you have the time and the drive to take us forward on the Committee or in any of our areas of activity e.g. networking, life and career coaching, social media, let us know. If you think there are sports, social and cultural activities which OAs would like to get together to pursue, let us know and we will try to give you our backing to get it off the ground.

This is your club. Help shape it. If you have a nominee for President in 2022 and thereafter who can move us forward in a modern, relevant way we need to know him too.

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## OA Stories

A collection of stories and interviews from OAs, the Dulwich College Alumni Community. To find out about contributing please contact Trevor Llewelyn on [alleynclub@dulwich.org.uk](mailto:alleynclub@dulwich.org.uk)



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## The Alleynian - 'Out of the Ordinary'



this summer's digital Alleynian, contains traditional content such as creative writing, valetes, and co-curricular, together with thought-provoking articles by student writers.

[View The Alleynian Flipping Book](#)

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The PDF formats will open on most devices within your chosen web browser. If, however, this causes any problems, you can download Adobe's PDF reader [here](#) for PC or Mac.

## Events

### The Alleynian Sailing Society - August sailing trip



**Sunday 23rd – Friday 28th August 2020**

**Open to all OAs**

The Alleynian Sailing Society has chartered a yacht and will be sailing along the South coast, hoping to get to Dartmouth. All OAs are warmly invited to join the trip. The cost is £200pp, victualling to be added. The Society will subsidise the cost down to £100pp if you

left Dulwich College within the last three years. You are more than welcome and we would be delighted if you could join us, please contact [Anthony Frankford](#), Club Secretary.

### Virtual Networking - Entrepreneur's



**Monday 12 October 2020**

**6.00pm-7.30pm, Free to join, booking required**

The College has a vision to foster a culture of entrepreneurship through networking and sharing ideas. Join us virtually, and be inspired by successful entrepreneurs and form lasting connections with peers that

could help you start or grow your business. This will be a virtual talk with Q&A followed by the option to join breakout networking rooms. Please register below, joining details will be sent closer to the time.

[Register now](#)

### New York Dinner - Cancelled



**Friday 30 October 2020 (CANCELLED)**

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

We have taken the decision to cancel this reunion. We will rearrange the date for 2021 when we hope we will all be able to meet again.

### Alleyn Club Dinner



**Friday 13 November 2020**

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

We are still not at this stage able to confirm if our annual dinner will indeed take place at the College, however we are able to confirm that if we do not all meet together in the Great Hall we will be with you virtually, so please do add the date to your diary and we will confirm as soon as we can what the arrangements will be.

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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?

If you are looking to reconnect with friends from school you can find the OA Directory on OA Connect, sign in to take a look.

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