

# The Friends of Dulwich College Newsletter

Welcome to the Friends of Dulwich College Newsletter. Our aim for the Newsletter is to keep you informed about the various social and fund raising events planned throughout the school year by the FDC and to detail how we use the funds raised by these activities to help both the students and the broader Southeast London community.

Historically, we have relied on Dulwich Post and the Rep Cascade emails to keep in touch with parents. Over the past few years, more classes are adding WhatsApp groups to communicate with and between parents. Over the past year, we have added Instagram accounts to complement Dulwich Posts, Rep Cascades and Facebook allowing us to give you more informal and up to the moment information about our activities. Please follow us at Facebook Instagram

## **International Evening**

The FDC calendar kicked off this year as always with the International Evening on Friday 7 October. The Great Hall was buzzing as over 300 guests sampled delicious treats provided by parents from 40 countries around the globe. The boys especially enjoyed the various sweets and puddings available while the adults enjoyed the bar provided by the Modern Languages Department.



## **Christmas Fair**

This year the Christmas Fair moved back into its traditional locations in and around the Barry Building. The Great Hall, North and South Cloister and the Lower Hall were packed full of stands offering a cornucopia of Christmas gifts from candles to clothes to cookware while the South Gravel was turned into a vibrant street food market. Over £32,000 was raised to support FDC activities.

The Second Annual Used Ski Gear stand was even busier than last year with both greater supply and demand. For the first time this year, the FDC sold Christmas Plum Puddings and Sticky Toffee Puddings. The Sticky Toffee puddings sold out on pre-order before the Fair, while the remaining Plum Puddings sold out on the day.



The annual Christmas Raffle raised \$6,921 in support of the Southwark Day Centre for Asylum Seekers which provides a wide range of holistic services which support, promote and secure the rights of asylum seekers and refugees in the Southwark.

### **Junior School**

#### **Christmas Cards**

For the second year, the Junior School arranged for the boys to make Christmas cards. £424 was raised for Magic Breakfast.

#### **Quiz Night**

The South Cloisters was the setting for the Junior School Quiz on Friday 24 February. Over 120 parents divided into 15 teams took part. 'Here for the Wine' was the winning team. The Quiz raised \$1,500 for Magic Breakfast through ticket and bar sales, while £644 was raised from a raffle of 'unwanted Christmas presents' with the proceeds donated to the British Red Cross appeal for victims of the Turkish and Syrian earthquakes.





### Collection

In response to the earthquake in Turkey, a Junior School mum, Shazia Kay and supported by Rev. Buckler organised a collection of warm clothes, shoes, jackets, toiletries, baby food, nappies etc. Six car loads were collected and delivered to a Turkish school in Beckenham that arranged for the supplies to be delivered to earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria. The amount of donations was quite overwhelming as parents were only given a couple of days' notice.

### Quiz Night

The Great Hall was the setting on Friday 24 March, where some 200 contestants gathered for the FDC Quiz Night. Bob's Hope was the winner on the night, edging out Thinking Caps On by two points in the last round. In third just one more point behind was last year's winner, J Preema & Raj. As well as enjoying a delicious curry, the contestants enjoyed the bar, ran as always by the Sports Department.



### The FDC Charity Ball 2023

This year saw the return of the FDC Charity Ball in aid of the Dulwich College Bursary Fund and City Harvest London, a food distribution charity collecting unwanted food from businesses, restaurants, supermarkets, farms and factories, and giving it to foodbanks and shelters. The evening started early in the late afternoon sunshine with drinks in front of the Barry Building, followed by dinner and an

auction upstairs in the Great Hall, with the night ending back downstairs in the South Cloister with a casino, dancing and more cocktails. There was enthusiastic bidding on a plethora of prizes ranging from Master for a Day, an educational trip to the top of the Dulwich College Clock tower, to an acting spot in a new Damian Lewis vampire movie, *The Radleys*! We were overwhelmed but delighted to raise nearly £50,000 for our chosen charities and for the parents and friends to have had a fabulous night out as well, we have heralded it as a roaring success.



### **Nearly New Shop**

The Nearly New Shop has had another busy year with Lisa Tsang and her team of volunteers contributing over £14,000 to the Friends. Special thanks go to the volunteers leaving at the end of the year: Winnie Bridge, Luisa Cologan, Eva Dudzicki, Claire le Gouvellec, and Trudy Ward.

### **GRANTS**

One of the two key objectives of the Friends of Dulwich College is to raise money for the benefit of the boys and the College, as well as local charities. Since September 2015, the FDC has reserved £30,000 annually to donate amongst the various interest groups, academic and co-curricular, within the College. These faculties, which include the boy-led [Union of Societies](#), request funding to for special events and equipment. This year to date, we have made 28 donations totalling £24,543 as follows:

#### **The Union**

Aviation Society - £180 towards the production of a Society tie

Formula 1 Society - £150 towards the production of a Society tie designed by one of its members

Chess Society - £100 for the purchase of ten additional sets of chess pieces.





Engineers Club - £2,000 (50% of the overall cost) towards the purchase of a kit to build Green Powered Electricity Car. The members will build the vehicle and then race it against other schools. After the season, the car will be dismantled so that it can be rebuilt and used again in following years.

### **Enrichment**

Echo Eternal - £325 to have a leading Holocaust memorial creative arts practitioner visit the College to engage directly with the whole of Year 7 on the Free Learning Day on January 18 in an artistic workshop.



Classics Department Talk - £450 to have the bestselling historical novelist, Ben Kane, talk to the Lower School Latin pupils this term about life as a Roman soldier and help bring the Roman world to life for the younger boys.

### **Junior School**

Symposium - £334 for Pippa Church a puppeteer who presented the theme of empathy through puppets at the Junior School Symposium followed by a series of workshops throughout the rest of the day with a variety of different groups.

Quidditch - £325 to purchase a set of hoops and stands to replace the home made ones for the Quidditch Club.

Table Tennis - £2,000 to purchase two outdoor table tennis tables and bats and balls for the playground to offer an alternative to patball and football.

### **Summer Enrichment**

Year 7: Art - £600 to have three artist practitioners (Emily Motto, Eusebio Sanchez and Nicole Line) lead hands-on workshops responding to the theme 'stack'. The day focused on three-dimensional approaches to this theme including clay, installation, and plaster-casting.

Year 8: Trip to Chessington World of Adventures - £2,500 towards the cost of a day at Chessington World of Adventures.

Year 9: Music - £900 for professional musician Mr Phil Mitchell to lead workshops in a very creative to help the boys with their song-writing skills, their ensemble skills and even how to learn a new instrument to create an alternative take on a classic pop song. The day finishes with a live performance.

Year 9: Trip to Paris - £350 to cover the entrance fee for the Louvre.

Year 10: Alpine adventure - £1,000 for 24 Year 10 boys to experience world-class white-water rafting on the Lower Engadine river, which has been used by Swiss Olympians for kayak training.

### **Trips**

Classics Trip to Hamburg Tour - £300 for 10 Upper School boys taking classical subjects (Latin, Greek and Classical Civilisation) to visit to the exhibition *New Images in the Age of Augustus: Power and Media in Ancient Rome* at the Kunstmeile in Hamburg. A third of the Classical Civilisation A Level course is devoted to looking at how Augustus promoted his reign through visual imagery such as coins, statues and buildings. The exhibit allowed those studying for the Latin A Level to benefit from this contextualisation of their study of Virgil's Aeneid, a text at least ostensibly written in praise of Augustus.





Upper School Spanish Trip to Cantabria - £300 for eight Upper School Spanish to attend a professional skills workshop delivered by an external provider, and to cover the cost of accessing a local radio station to produce a live broadcast.

Lower School French Trip to Vic-sur-Cère - £300 to allow 31 Lower School boys to visit the Presque Caves at St Céré.

Economics Trip to Frankfurt for the Upper School - £275 for 36 boys to visit the porcelain factory at Hoechst Manufaktur, a business that has been producing porcelain since 1746. Boys gained an insight into the production process, and in particular how this has evolved over the centuries

French Department Trip to Montpellier for Years 10, 11 and Upper Sixth - £200 for an excursion to Aigues-Mortes, a fortified city in the Gard region, constructed in the 13th century by Louis IX.



History Department Trip to Berlin for the Upper School - £325 for entry to 'The Story of Berlin' museum to help the boys tie together much of the history of what they saw as they travelled around the city.

Spanish Department Trip to Granada for Year 8 - £350 to allow the boys to visit the Alhambra palace and fortress and one of the best preserved examples of Islamic architecture.

Spanish Department Trip to Mallorca for Year 9 - £140 for 40 boys to visit the world-famous Heladería Can Joan d'Saigo, an ice-cream shop with arguably the best ice-cream in the Balearics. The boys ordered their own ice-cream from the long list of available flavours, using new vocabulary and practising formulating questions in Spanish, a skill they covered in that morning's Spanish class.



## Departments

Art Department: Print Press -£2,500 to cover half the cost of a new Extra Large 6 1/2 Inch Stainless Steel Top Roller Print Press to replace the existing equipment.

Boarding - £1,500 to purchase a wooden garden gazebo for Old Blew & The Orchard boarders to use after school and at weekends as a space for quiet relaxation and mindfulness.

Music Department - £2,589 to cover half the cost of a MacBook Pro with upgraded memory and storage and Recording Interface allowing the 25 boys in the Music Production Club to record in different recording locations ranging from the College campus to Southwark Cathedral and beyond.

Sport Department - £2,350 towards the purchase of new High-Jump Equipment including a new mat, a steel base, which raises the jumping mat off the floor and reduces the risk of water damage and an equipment storage unit to go next to the new throwing area.



## Other

Buzzers for House Competitions - £400 for a replacement set of University Challenge-style quiz buzzers for the Day House quiz competitions, as well as for the General Knowledge Society and other events.

Alleyanian Sailing Society - £1,800 to enable the Society to offer scholarships to the boys who might not otherwise be able to afford the full cost of the Society's week of sailing on the Solent.





## **Committee Members**

The Friends of Dulwich College is guided by a committee of parents and College representatives ably supported by a large group of volunteers who contribute as Class Reps, Year Coordinators, Nearly New Shop volunteers, event organisers or by just helping out for a few hours as needed.

The 22/23 Committee Members are:

Robyn Asher and Mandy Dillon – Co Chairs – (Year 12) and (Year 11)

Larry Shearer - Vice Chair and Communications – (Year 13)

Michel Dembinski – Treasurer – (Year 13)

Francesca Rangoni – Secretary – (Year 13)

Christine El Ansar – Ordinary Member – (Years 6, 11 &13)

Patricia Castro – Ordinary Member – (Year 4)

Rebecca Hawkins – Ordinary Member – (Year 7)

Eugenia Lewes – Ordinary Member – (Year 9)

Guy Massey – Ordinary Member – (Year 8)

Jane Murray – Ordinary Representative – (Year 8)

Cara Norfolk – Junior School Representative – (Years 6 & 7)

Sarah Phillipson – Ordinary Member – (Year 11)

Michelle Tyler – Ordinary Member – (Year 4)

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