



SDC - The Week

21 January 2010

Alpe d'Huez Ski Trip



Whilst the UK was enjoying unprecedented snowfall, 52 SDC pupils and staff were revelling in amazing ski and snowboard conditions in the French ski resort of Alpe d'Huez.

Alpe d' Huez boasts the longest black run in Europe, La Serene and possibly the most daunting "The Tunnel". Consequently the advanced skiers and boarders were pushed to test their talents in the thick powder snow that was falling faster than the piste bashers could cope with.

The beginner skiers and boarders enjoyed the huge variety of green and blue runs and had a lot of fun on the jumps in the snow park.

A highlight at the end of each day was watching the footage taken on the head cam which was attached to the helmet of a pupil in each of the different groups every day. This footage will be available to view on the school website soon. Look out for Fred Dowd's spectacular entanglement with a tree whilst the advanced group were enjoying some challenging off piste skiing!

After laughing over the bumps and tumbles of the day the group got rid of any extra energy left over from the hard days skiing by taking part in activities such as ice skating, movie evenings and quiz nights.

A fantastic week was had by all and we returned home safely on 10th January despite having been snowed into the ski resort only two days previously!

Junior School Swimming Gala

On Wednesday night a quarter of the Prep department

gathered in the pool for the first gala of the year. Excitement was high and the noise level even louder. SDC's opponents were Bromley High, an old adversary.

All the races were close, with finger touch finishes in several cases. After the individual races, which saw all the SDC swimmers improve their individual times, the scores were even. Then came the relays and although all SDC's swimmers gave their best, the depth of the opposition proved too strong in Year 4 and 5.

The final scores were:

	U9	U10	U11	TOTAL
BHS	70	75	70	215
SDCJS	62	59	80	201

Congratulations to all the swimmers who were a credit to the College and especially Sean Grilli in 5G, who only joined the school this term and won his breast stroke race in convincing style.

Thank you to all the parents who supported the children. Thank you also to Mr John as starter, and SDC's place judges, Mr MacLennan and Mrs Elliott.

Modern Language Society talks

This week two interesting talks were presented to the Modern Languages Society by the language assistants Julia and Domingo. Domingo started the meeting with an insight into the stereotypical views of Spain held by those who do not fully appreciate and understand the culture, which even includes



some Spanish people. He showed the students that there was more to Spain than bull fighting, paella and sunshine.

Julia followed with her presentation

about “Tatort”, the popular and famous German television programme. “Tatort” literally means “place where the deed was done” and is an exciting crime series which has been running in Germany since 1970. It incorporates German culture and mentality, as it represents German life as it really is.

Thank you so much to Domingo and Julia for the entertaining and engaging talks.

Reception Holiday News



In Reception the children have been sharing their holiday news. Some of us have been to

interesting locations and we have enjoyed learning about them

Year 6 experiment

Year 6 have been trying to get clear water back from Miss Davis's pot of tea. from each other.



Fives v Eastbourne

The U14 and U15 matches were cancelled at Eastbourne due to the weather conditions, however, the U14 match will hopefully be rescheduled in the coming weeks. In the seniors, SDC played one team of six at the College, and having postponed the game against the RFA due to snow, it was good to get a team on the courts.

For those unfamiliar with Fives, each player plays his opposite number in singles, with the first player to 11 winning the game. Following this each pair plays all the opposition pairs in two games to 11 once more. The final score is not determined by the number of wins but the aggregate scores of all the games.

This is a virtually new team as last year's large fives playing cohort left the College at the end Year 13, but the boys played very well. In the singles SDC won all its matches bar one, giving them a lead of 60–29.

The pairings for the doubles were Tafara Golding (C) and

Malachi Connolly, Euan Johnson and Amarr Wright, and Louis Phelps with Laurence Charles-Kay. Again the matches went in SDC's favour winning eight of the 12 games. This gave an overall match score of SDC 171 - Eastbourne College 98, a winning start for the team.

It is hoped to rearrange the RFA match for Wednesday 3 February, which will be confirmed in the near future. Mr Bodenham would like to congratulate the team and thank Mr Austin for managing the match.

Team: Tafara Golding, Malachi Connolly, Euan Johnson, Amarr Wright, Louis Phelps and Laurence Charles-Kay.

DE Ltd launches new website

As you may already know the Foundation operates a wholly owned subsidiary company, Dunstonian Enterprises Ltd (DE Ltd). DE Ltd is tasked with generating income by making full use of our facilities when not required by the College. All profits return to the College and are a useful source of additional revenue.

DE Ltd has launched a new website www.collegehire.co.uk which lists the services offered. Do please have a look at it and bare us in mind if you or your business associates are planning any relevant activities. We would also be grateful if you could help 'Spread the Word' by forwarding a link to the site to any of your friends or colleagues who might find it of interest.

The Bursar

Lower School Disco and Parent Get-together

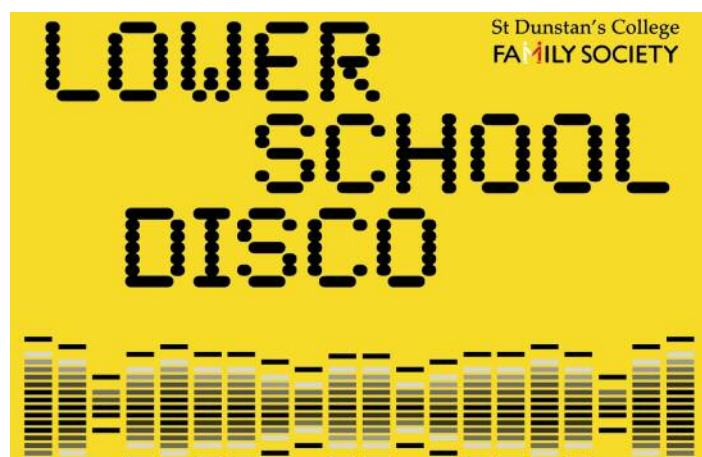
The Family Society warmly invites you to the Lower School Disco and Parent Get-together on Friday 29 January, 7-9pm.

Tickets for the disco are £5 per pupil and include a free drink. Soft drinks are also on sale throughout the evening. The disco takes place in the Refectory and this year features a new DJ.

The Family Society will also be hosting a get-together for parents in the Sixth Form Common Room at the same time. Instead of just dropping off your children, come and meet fellow parents and enjoy complimentary drinks and nibbles.

For ticket applications please download the form:

www.stdunstans.org.uk > Welcome > Family Society > Ticket applications



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