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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

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Dear Owners,

With Easter fast approaching and the second wave of coronavirus gradually receding, the last few weeks have seen an easing of the Murcia Government COVID restrictions. So much so that some level of eating out and socialising is now possible., all be it wearing face masks, etc.

on the resort, his cashflow is under severe pressure, with overheads, utilities, food and wages, etc, to pay.

Owners can play their part by using the Clubhouse whenever possible. Every time you do, it will help Joaquin, his staff and their families. These loyal, cheerful and modest people, who have served owners for many years, deserve our support in these difficult times. This way, their cheerful smiling faces will be there for LMC owners in the months and years ahead.



We naturally hope restrictions will continue to ease over the coming months and that by mid-late summer, within reason, some semblance of normality will have returned to the resort and the Clubhouse.

Regarding non-resident owners traveling to the resort, the UK government has said it expects to have vaccinated all adults by July. Moreover, there is talk of UK citizens being allowed to travel overseas by late May. Clearly, this possibility is reliant on there being no third wave of infections between now and then.

Meanwhile, Fernando Valdés, the Spanish Tourism Minister, has recently talked of a 'green corridor' between Spain and the UK, possibly involving a COVID passport. Potentially a significant development.

Vaccinations across Europe are progressing at a slower rate. However, as they speed up, similar travel

arrangements may apply to many other countries, both inside and outside the European Union. Hopefully, this will enable many more LMC non-resident owners to return to their properties.

In the meantime, your Committee is focussing on supporting Joaquin through this challenging period. Like all businesses



Currently, the Clubhouse is open from 11.00 am to 6.00 pm, Monday through Saturday. However, if any owners wish to hold a special, socially distanced dinner in the evening, Joaquin is happy to talk and see if he can accommodate. Call him on + 34 637 866 113.

Finally, thank you on behalf of myself, my Committee colleagues, Joaquin and his team, for your positive comments and support to-date; it means a lot to us.

Best wishes,

Stewart Harris, Clubhouse Chairman.

PS If COVID restrictions allow, we will run a Family BBQ on Easter Sunday, 4th April. Watch out on the Clubhouse notice board and Facebook for details



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For many non-resident owners, not being able to visit their properties for over twelve months is a huge worry, though clearly, management companies can help in this respect. However, this is not so easy when it comes to cars and other vehicles.

Many will have been parked in drives and garages and not turned a wheel in months. So, imagine how it feels when you are finally able to travel. After a long flight, you arrive at your property. A quick shower and change of clothes, and then it's in the car and off to your favourite restaurant. But not when you find the battery is flat or the ITV has expired or there is some other reason why you can't use it!

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MEMORIES OF HOT SUMMER NIGHTS

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It seems a lifetime since the dining terrace of the Clubhouse was full of LMC owners enjoying themselves, but as Stewart Harris mentioned in his introduction to this newsletter, the good times may return, possibly this summer, but even more likely for this autumn, Christmas and the New Year..

In the meantime, to whet your appetites, some photographs from past events.



Ever being optimistic, we have provisionally arranged an Easter Family BBQ (socially distanced of course and observing prevailing COVID restrictions), which will take place at lunchtime, Sunday, 4th April, weather permitting on the outside terrace. Please watch our Facebook page and the Clubhouse noticeboard for details, which will be posted later in the month.



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DAWN AKYUREK, DIRECTOR & HEADTEACHER

KING'S COLLEGE MURCIA

Dawn Akyürek has dedicated most of her life to international education and has worked across much of the world in headteacher, director and inspector positions, with some of the most prestigious educational institutions.



impressed by their spirit and the atmosphere, plus it was clear that both students and parents love the college. Therefore, when I was offered the opportunity to return as Director and Headteacher, I did not hesitate and felt excited and privileged to take on the role.



King's College Murcia has many strengths. The quality of teaching and learning is the most obvious, the

teachers are highly qualified and bring passion and enthusiasm to the lessons. Students are polite, curious, and engaged. The hybrid learning approach is definitely proving to be a strength of the school and parents tell us they are very happy with the results. The school is also implementing High Performance Learning, an approach that identifies attributes, values and practices, that enable more students to attain high achievement."

This year, fresh from stints at schools in Spain, France and Turkey Dawn has taken on the position of director and Headteacher at Clubhouse sponsor King's College Murcia.

Explaining her vision for the school, she comments that she used to visit King's College Murcia regularly in her previous position as Academic Director of the King's Group. "During those visits I had the opportunity to meet parents and work alongside the staff. I was



I am here to listen and support the school community in these unprecedented times. My first priority is to protect the health and safety of students and staff. Our team has worked tirelessly to ensure that the school is a safe environment. I must ensure that the school is ready to take the necessary health measures at all times. In a fast-moving pandemic, this is not an easy task. Circumstances change weekly and we must be vigilant and ready to change course at a moments notice..

The coronavirus pandemic has forced schools and educators to continuously redefine and improve remote learning initiatives, in addition to ensuring the

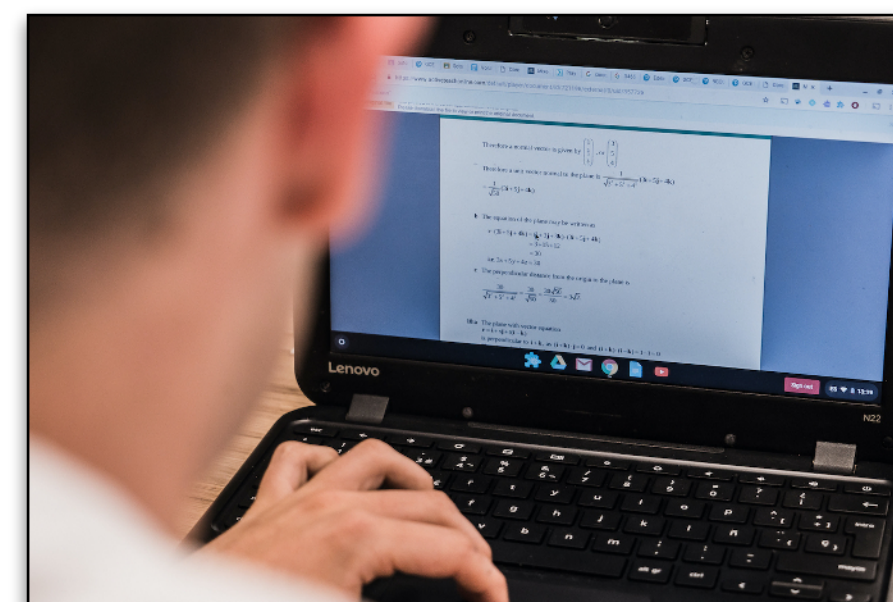


safety and health of the entire school community. Creating a learning approach that maximises digital solutions, tools and platforms has been critical to perfecting what we call hybrid learning, an approach that combines remote and classroom learning. At King's College Murcia we have learned to be very

receptive to change and to ensure that our staff and students are safe and receive the same quality of education that has always distinguished us.

I am proud to say that we have adapted well and that we constantly review and modify our policies and procedures to ensure the safety and well-being of the school. We also take care that our students are taught effectively and that they continue to enjoy the day-to-day life of the school.

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both military veterans and their families.

People may remember the moving address given by LMC owner Tony Fuller at our last memorial service in November 2019, in which he described his father's treatment as a prisoner of war.

The magazine has an expanded, illustrated version of that talk which people may find of interest. It also contains an article about the Military Museum in Cartagena, at which three La Manga Club residents work as volunteers, helping to curate, maintain and display the various exhibits.

The recent lifting of COVID restrictions has meant that some of the ordinary things that we do from day to day, both personally and also within the community (and arguably which we take for granted), are now able to be resumed.

There are guided tours of the museum, in English and also other languages. The Amigos of the museum, all volunteers, research and display information about the activities of the British in Cartagena throughout the centuries. Although it is currently closed to the public because of the COVID pandemic, we will let you know when the museum reopens and explain how you might arrange a personal guided tour.

Only in the past few days has it been possible for the North of Spain District of The Royal British Legion, and local branches, to catch up on crucial administrative tasks, including the distribution of receipts from last year's Poppy Appeal and also the latest edition of the national RBL magazine.

That has allowed Tony Fuller, our local representative, to present Gill Schofield of the Owners Clubhouse Committee with the receipt for their most recent collection. Tony also handed over several free magazines, which, as part of the Owner's Clubhouse commitment to the Poppy Appeal, can be found in the Clubhouse Library.

All the money raised in the Poppy Appeal remains in Spain and, via the Royal British Legion's work outlined in the magazine, benefits



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