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Newsletter



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2022-2023



Head of Secondary Message

Hello all,

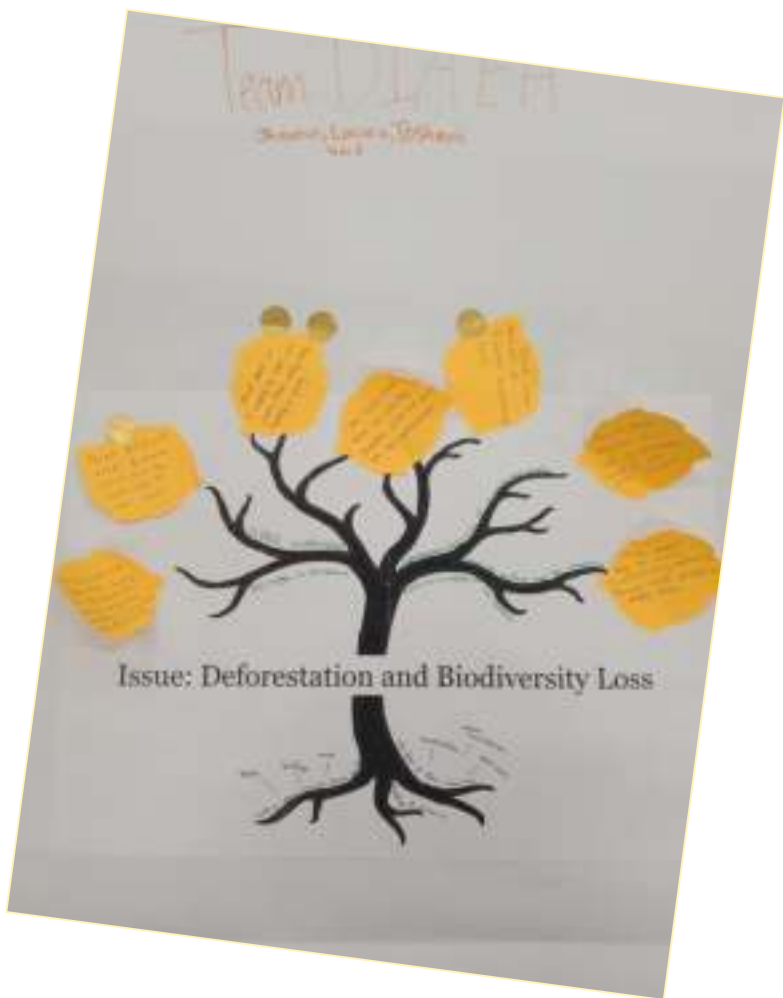
I am excited to share some wonderful news with you. Our school's debating teams have achieved tremendous success recently, emerging victorious in both the InnoVentures Competition and the World Scholar's Cup. What's more, all eight teams have advanced to the next round! I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to our talented students and express my gratitude to our dedicated teachers for their guidance.

In the past couple of weeks, our school has been buzzing with Graduation frenzy. The next edition will feature a special Graduation edition, highlighting the memorable ceremonies of both Year 11 and Year 13. I would like to thank you for your support during this time, and I hope you enjoyed these significant milestones as much as I did.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to our exceptional team of teachers and staff for their hard work in making the Graduations a resounding success. Their dedication and commitment are truly commendable.

Thank you for being a valued part of our school community. Your partnership and support are invaluable as we continue to shape the future of our students.

Take care
Michelle



Saturday 27 May - 4.30pm - JW Marriott Marquis Hotel

Year 13 Graduation

Parents of Year 13 students are invited to join us for a celebration of their child's journey in at DIA.

Monday 29 May to Friday 09 June

Year 11 Job Shadowing

Our Year 11 students will have a two-week learning experience outside of the classroom.

Monday 29 May to Friday 09 June

Year 12 Final Exams

Our Year 12 students will complete their exams - all the best!

Friday 02 June to Friday 09 June

Year 10 Final Exams

Our Year 10 students will complete their exams, beginning with Mathematics and Arabic on Friday 02 June.

Monday 05 June & Tuesday 06 June

Year 6 into 7 Taster Days

Students and parents from Year 6 will begin their transition into the Secondary School by taking part in lessons and assemblies.

Monday 12 June

Year 12 DOE Bulgaria Trip

Our students will be completing an adventurous trip to Bulgaria as part of their Duke of Edinburgh certification - wish them luck!

Monday 12 June to Thursday 15 June

Year 7 Summer Showcase

Our year 7 students will be showcasing their talents in dance and music - all information has been shared by Ms. Srishti.

Tuesday 13 June

Secondary Sports Awards

Join us to celebrate the best in sports and athletics. More information to be shared in the coming weeks.

Key Information

STEM COMPETITION

We want to give a huge shout-out to our amazing group of Year 10s who participated in the Curtin University STEM Challenge. They showed outstanding dedication, teamwork, and critical thinking skills throughout the competition.



We couldn't be more happy for representing DIA in this competition, and spending their weekend battling it out with other schools across Dubai! They truly demonstrated what it means to be innovative problem-solvers and we can't wait to see where their STEM skills take them in the future.





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Year 7



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Year 8

**Hana
Nourian**

Year 9



**Aazam
Alam**

Year 11

Nimit Dedhia

Year 10

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TEDxYouth@DIA

Seminar with Ms Anamika Chatterjee

TEDx Speaker and editor for Khaleej Times

A huge thank you to Ms. Anamika Chatterjee from Khaleej Times for hosting our recent Public Speaking Seminar for students from Years 7-10. This was a wonderful initiative which was planned and organised by our TEDxYouth@DIA club members Aekam Pal and Anoushka Rose. This seminar provided our students with invaluable tips and strategies to improve their public speaking abilities.

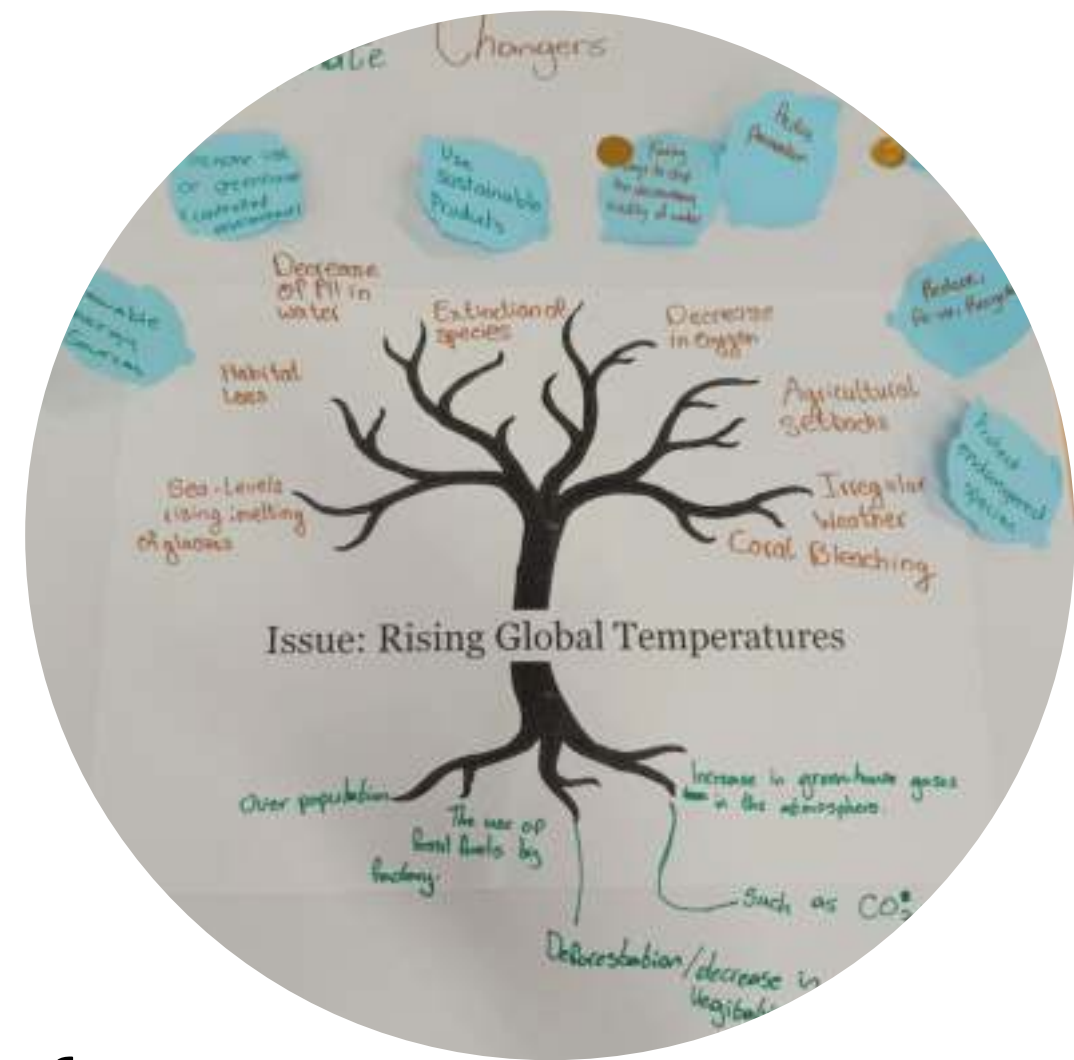
During this session, students focused on;

- Reasons for becoming a public speaker.
 - Rules of public speaking.
- Focusing on the argument in a public speech.
 - Addressing fear of failure.
- Concluding a public speaking address.

We are looking forward to further exciting plans from our TEDxYouth@DIA club!



Youth Climate & Sustainability Network.



During this interactive workshop, 8 of our students were empowered to consider the causes, effects and solutions of key issues surrounding climate change. They were introduced to the world's largest climate change experiment, and were encouraged to bring their own ideas to the table along with students from around the world. Students worked in groups to assemble their own 'issue trees', considering the causes, effects and solutions of key climate change issues.





Parent Pastoral Workshop



On Tuesday 23rd May, we had the pleasure of welcoming Ms. Rima Abboud (M.A), a child, adolescent & adult clinical psychologist from Wise Mind Center, Business Bay. During this session, Rima discussed adolescent mental health warning signs, with a particular focus on anxiety and exam stress management.

As our students prepare for their end of year assessments/examinations, this can often be a significant stressor for them. This session allowed parents to develop a deeper understanding of how to support adolescents by exploring concepts such as the sources of anxiety, emotional regulation/coping strategies, and developing self-confidence.



Dance

Congratulations to Our Dance Team for the trophies and medals from the UDO competition



U13 & U15 DASSA TAPEBALL CRICKET CHAMPIONS

SS Cricket Season 2022-23

- DASSA U13 - Champions
- DASSA U15 - Champions
- DASSA U16 - Champions
- DASSA U19 - 2nd position
 - IVEI U13 - Champions
 - IVEI U15 - Champions
- Sevens League U13 - 2nd position
- Sevens League U15 - 2nd position
 - DC Sixers U13 - Champions
 - DC Sixers U15 - Third position



DIA DEBATE

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Our Middle School Debate Team won first place at the Innoventures Secondary School Debate for Middle School hosted by the Collegiate International School. Eva Shakra, a year 9 student, was also honored with the Best Speaker Award!



8 out of 8 Teams (24 students) Qualified for the Global Round in Doha next month. 5 Junior Teams and 3 Seniors.

- Siya Sawhney who placed 5th in Debate overall and was asked to Debate Showcase!
- Siya and Aryan Agarwal who placed 7th in Team debate.
- Alex Musat who placed 1st junior in the special area of Literature and Media.



- Megha, Sanchi and Yeva in Year 9 were the dream team. They placed 5th in the Senior Category overall despite being one of the youngest senior teams! Megha won the 'FakeSenior' award as the highest scoring youngster. She was DIA's top Scholar and won 2 other gold medal individual awards!



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**20AED/ITEM
CASH ONLY**

MONDAYS

6TH, 7TH & 20TH JUNE

7:15AM-9:30AM

LOCATION: CAFETERIA

Enquiry: diarecycle@gmail.com

Competitive Sport & PHE



Sports Awards Gala Ceremony

Tuesday 13 June 2023 17:00

Secondary school PE hall

Please RSVP by Friday 19 May 2023

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Training schedule - Term 3

BASKETBALL

- **Mondays**

- U14 Girls at 6:20am - 7:20am
- U14 Boys at 3:10pm - 4:10pm

- **Tuesdays**

- U12 Boys at 6:20am - 7:20am

- **Wednesdays**

- U12 Girls at 6:20am - 7:20am
- U14 Girls at 3:10pm - 4:10pm

- **Thursday**

- U14 Boys at 6:20am - 7:20am
- U12 Girls at 3:10pm - 4:10pm

- **Friday**

- U12 Boys at 6:20am - 7:20am

GAME EVENINGS

- Mondays - U12 Boys
- Tuesdays - U12 Girls
- Wednesdays - U14 Boys
- Thursdays - U14 Girls



*Main PE Hall / Outside courts during the exams

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Training schedule - Term 3

SWIMMING

- **Mondays**
- U13 to U19 Boys & Girls at 3:10pm - 4:10pm
- **Wednesdays**
- U13 to U19 Boys & Girls at 3:10pm - 4:10pm
*Main Swimming Pool



WATER POLO

- **Tuesdays**
- U15 Boys at 6:20am - 7:20am
- **Thursdays**
- U15 Boys at 6:20am - 7:20am
*Main Swimming Pool

GAME EVENINGS

- Wednesdays - U15 Boys



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Training schedule - Term 3

BADMINTON

- **Tuesdays**

- U13 to U19 Boys & Girls at 3:10pm - 4:10pm

*Main PE Hall



TABLE TENNIS

- **Mondays**

- U13 to U19 Boys & Girls at 6:20 am - 7:20 am

- **Wednesdays**

-U13 to U19 Boys & Girls at 6:20 am - 7:20 am

*Table Tennis Area



CRICKET

- **Mondays**

- U13 Boys at 3:10pm - 4:10pm

- **Wednesdays**

- U15 Boys at 3:10pm - 4:10pm

*Cricket Nets

GAME EVENINGS

- Tuesdays - U13 Boys
- Thursdays - U15 Boys



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Training schedule - Term 3

ROUNDERS

- **Tuesdays**
- U15 Girls at 6:20am-7:20am
- **Thursdays**
- U15 Girls at 3:10pm - 4:10pm

*Tennis courts / Net courts

GAME EVENINGS

- Wednesdays - U15 Girls



RUNNING CLUB

RUNNING

- **Fridays**
-U13 - U19 Boys & Girls at 6:20am-7:20am (Open to evbryone who would like to stay active)

*Meet on the field



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