



EMIRATES  
HILLS

# Secondary School Newsletter



12 January 2024



# Head of Secondary Message



Hello all,

A fun packed start to the new year. We have had senior retreats, Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Assessments, and the spectacular school production (will celebrate this in the next addition of the newsletter!). Also a big shout out to all the teachers and students who took part in the Dubai Marathon!

As we look ahead at this year, we will be reaching out to you for support for the PADIA event of the year - the International Evening. An email with more information will be going out this week with opportunities for you to support in any way you can - time or resources.

We have also set up WhatsApp groups which will send out key reminders to each year group. See further on for the links. These are not compulsory to sign up to and email will remain our principle method of communication.

Finally, let me wish you all a Happy New Year and all the best for 2024.

Michelle



Congratulations to Jamie and Ashling, ex DIA teachers!

# Key Information

**Tuesday 16 January**

## **Year 6 Parents Transition Coffee Morning**

Join the Secondary school team for an informative session on the move to Secondary. This is taking place in the Presentation Hall at 7:45 am drop off time.

**Thursday 18 January & 19 January**

## **Battle of the Houses**

**Years 10 - 13 Thursday, Years 7 - 9 Friday**

This exciting event will feature a series of friendly competitions where students from different houses showcase their skills, teamwork, and school spirit. Additionally, we will have a variety of vendors on site, offering delicious treats and fun activities for everyone to enjoy.

**Friday & Saturday 19-20 January**

## **IBCP Work Experience placement: Hero Dubai Desert Classic**

As part of their vocational studies a number of YR12 IBCP students will be completing a 2 day work placement at the world-famous Hero Dubai Desert Classic. Their roles will include front facing customer service and working as part of the golfers marshalling teams.

**Saturday 20 January**

## **Business Minds Competition**

Please see sign up link in this newsletter. Competition is open to Years 7 - 13.

# Key Information

**Monday 22 January**

**Year 7 - 10 Mid-Year Reports released**

You will be able to access the reports on Friday afternoon via the iSams portal. If you have any issue with logging on please contact our IT support [helpdesk@diadubai.com](mailto:helpdesk@diadubai.com)

**Wednesday 24 January**

**PADIA Year 6 & 7 Movie Night**

students can come and enjoy a movie under the stars. 5pm - 7pm in the Quad. Please see the page in this Newsletter for information around tickets.

**Thursday 25 January- Sunday 28 January**

**World School Games Dubai**

Under 13 and Under 15 teams competing with further information on teams to follow via email.

# Pastoral Messages:

Dear Parents of DIA Emirates Hills,



We would like to inform you that the punctuality procedure at DIA Emirates Hills has been altered from yesterday, 2nd January 2024, ahead of the commencement of Term 2.

For some students there has been a worrying figure to this point in the year, 15 school weeks, of students arriving late to school and the impact that this can have on your child's attainment and progress. While this is a small sample size, 15 school weeks, it would be expected that this level will reduce over the coming months and your support would be greatly appreciated with this. You will have been contacted by email or phone call by myself or your child's respective Head of Year if this affects you. To those of you who are always punctual, we thank you.

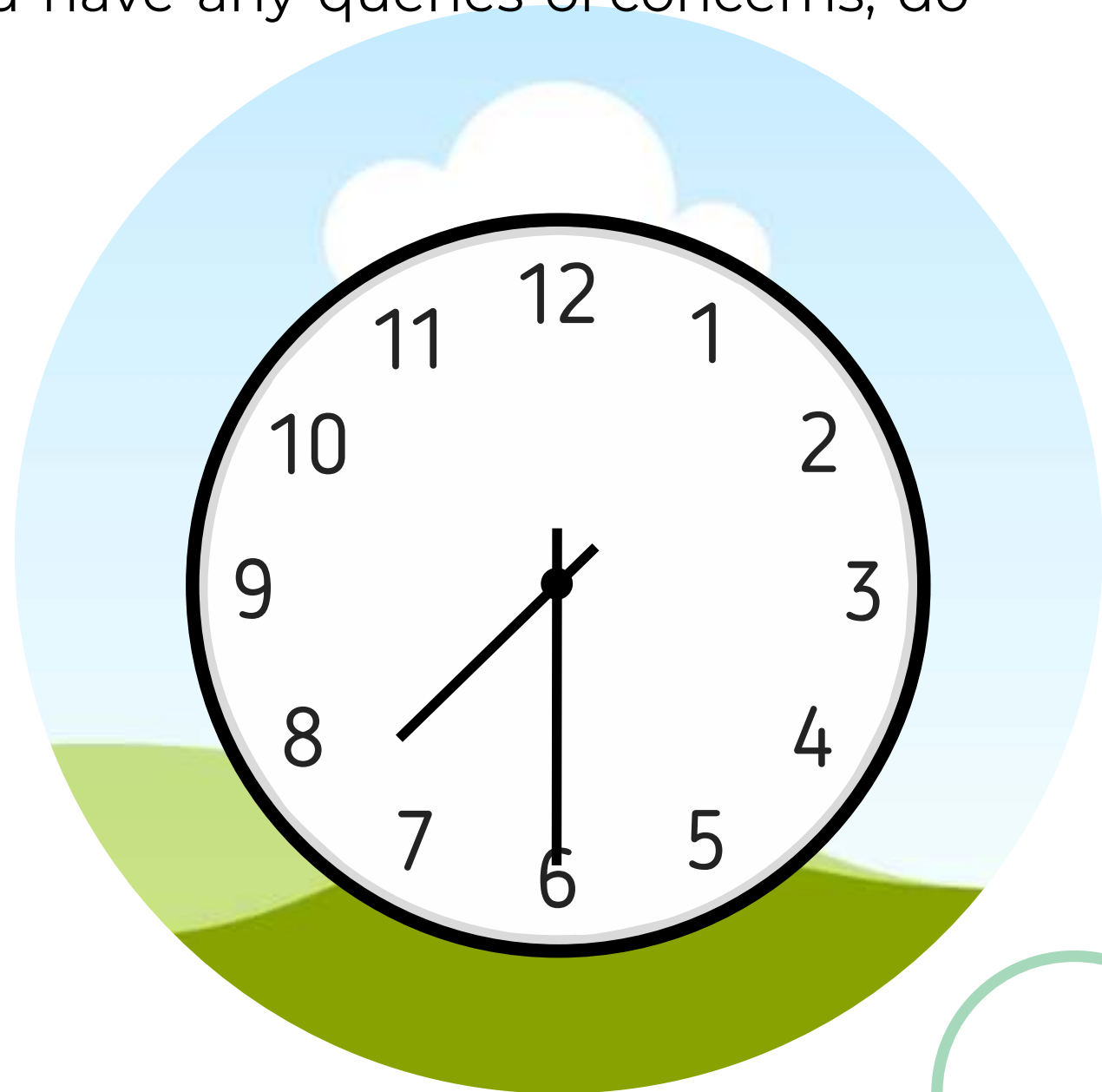
All students are expected to be in Homeroom in school no later than 7.30am and so far this year 94%+ of all students have been on time. If they arrive after this time they are marked late by their Homeroom tutor. If they arrive between 7.40am and 9.30am they should proceed to the secondary school office to obtain a late ticket before going to lessons. Students will be marked as 'excused late' if prior email communication has come from parent / guardian to Ms. Evelyn Pakatan ([evelynp@diadubai.com](mailto:evelynp@diadubai.com)) and the student presents physical or digital evidence of medical appointment, visa visit, RTA driving test etc.

Students will NOT be permitted entry to school after 9.30am without physical or digital evidence of medical appointment, visa visit, RTA driving test etc. If a student is unfit to make it school because of medical reasons before 9.30am, and has not sought medical appointment, then it should be deemed that they are too unwell to attend school that day. If there has been a traffic incident which causes significant issues in the areas used to access the school these may be excused, but general lateness and/or oversleeping will not be excused.

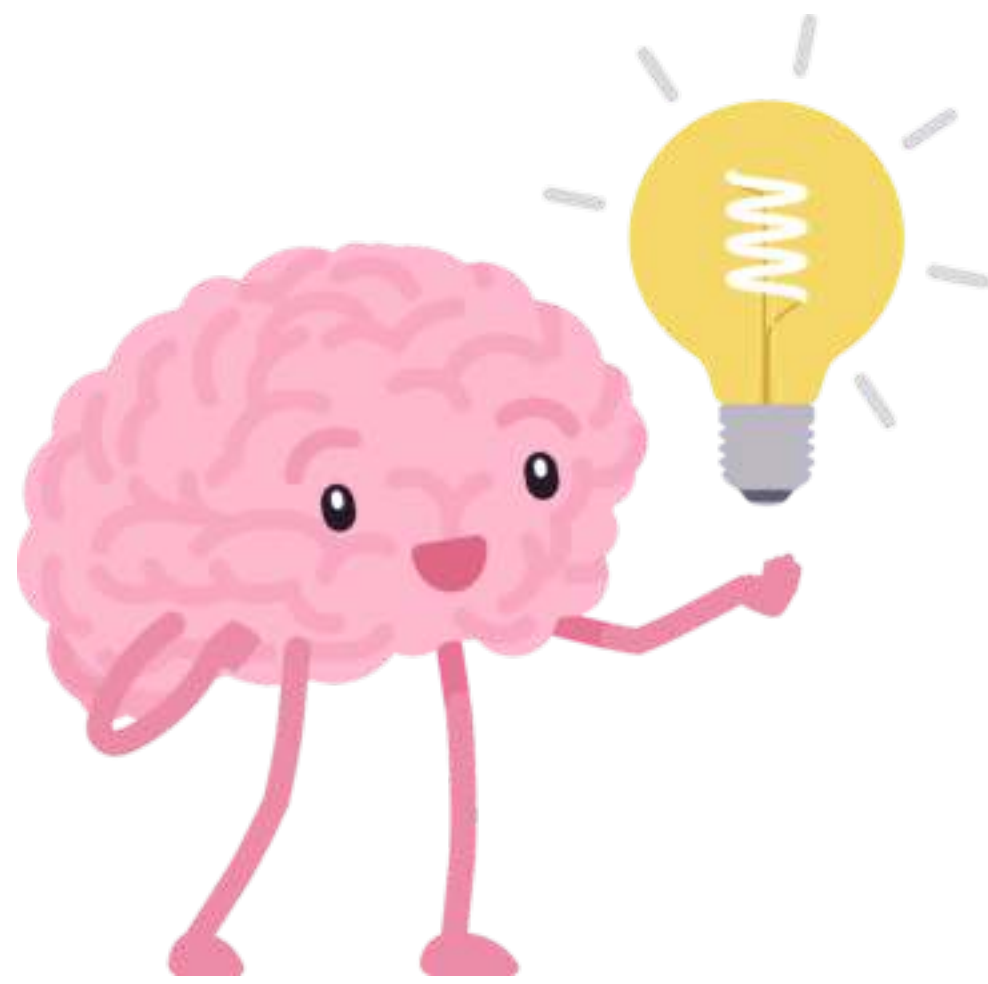
If there is anything that we should be aware of, or if there is anything that you think that I can do as Assistant Head (Pastoral) or the various Heads of Year, listed below, can do to help support with this, please let us know. Should you have any queries or concerns, do not hesitate to contact.

Head of Year 13: Mr. Dollour Toma.  
Head of Year 12: Mr. John Aboaja.  
Head of Year 11: Mr. Naveen Tyagi.  
Head of Year 10: Mr. Stephen Cleary.  
Head of Year 9: Ms. Amy Dowling.  
Head of Year 8: Ms. Donna Campbell.  
Head of Year 7: Ms. Shannon Meehan.

Best regards,  
Mr Daniel Murphy  
Assistant Headteacher (Pastoral)



# YouHQ Wellbeing Platform



We are thrilled to introduce the YouHQ Wellbeing Platform at Dubai International Academy for our Year 6-12 students. This platform offers invaluable resources to support students' mental health, promoting resilience, self-awareness, and effective coping strategies. It's interactive modules not only aid students but also provide teachers and parents with collaborative tools. The platform's data tracking allows early identification of concerns, facilitating personalized support and intervention if and when required by our Pastoral Team.

To seamlessly integrate the YouHQ Wellbeing Platform, we'll include it in our curriculum, dedicating time for well-being activities and discussions. Students will access a variety of self-help resources, and regular check-ins will monitor their well-being, addressing concerns promptly.

We believe this initiative will foster a positive and supportive learning community at our school, and will aid to the care, support and guidance offered to your children in terms of their social and emotional pathways.



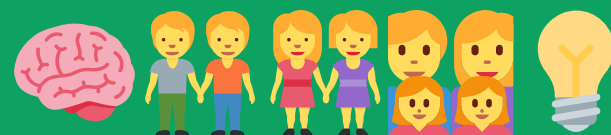
# Student Assembly 'Fostering Positive Relationships'



REVERSE  
PSYCHOLOGY



A huge thanks to Ross Addisson (Managing Director & Child & Adolescent CBT Therapist) at Reverse Psychology for speaking to our Year 8, 9 & 10 students on Friday 12th January. Ross hosted an insightful assembly which focused on the theme of 'Fostering Positive Relationships'.



In an age where technology is so prevalent, it is more important than ever for our students to be able to understand the importance of maintaining healthy relationships with peers and family, and having the skill set to do so. Ross covered a range of ideas and concepts which will allow students to better equip themselves in this important life skill going forward.



WSC

# GLOBAL ROUND

WE HAVE QUALIFIED FOR THE TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS  
WHICH WILL BE HELD IN NOVEMBER 2024 IN YALE!

## Junior Team Results:

5th in Team debate  
3rd in Team writing  
3rd in Team challenge  
2nd in Team bowl

**1st Junior Qualifying/Champion Team**



## Senior Team Results

3rd in Team  
Challenge  
6th in Team Bowl  
5th in Team Debate

**5th Qualifiers**

The World Scholars Cup is an annual international academic programme, with more than 15,000 students from over 65 countries partaking in this excellent opportunity. DI sent two teams for the WSC Dubai Holiday Special Round, from December 15th to the 19th 2023 and they did brilliantly with the senior team of Mohammed Hussein, Mauli Gandhi and Maiia Shaker finishing 5th overall and the junior team consisting of Sara Johnson, Yuvraj Dewan and Richard Koval coming in first place!

Over the course of five days, we met like-minded people from all around the world, particularly Kenya, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan, and competed-collaborated with them in events such as the Scholar's Scavenge, Scholar's Social, Scholar's Challenge, Collaborative Writing, Team Debate, Scholar's Bowl, Debate Showcase, Cultural Fair,, Scholar's Show and Scholar's Ball. During these events, scholars exhibit their debating, creative writing, test taking, and teamwork skills. After the tournament, we received the highest number of points awarded, leading us to be Junior Division Champions!







DURING  
LESSON 8



# Intervention Classes for Year 11

At DIA-EH SS we have subject specific Intervention classes, which is hosted during our CCA (Lesson 8) timings from 15:10-16:00.

These subject-specific intervention sessions serve as a crucial support system, addressing the unique learning needs of each student.

Beyond academic benefits, attending intervention classes fosters a sense of confidence and self-efficacy, empowering students to overcome academic challenges with resilience. As a result, these sessions contribute significantly to the school's commitment to nurturing well-rounded, confident, and academically proficient individuals poised for success in their future endeavors.

Please contact the subject HOD for more information regarding this.



# YEAR 9 TASTER SESSIONS

To provide students with a more comprehensive understanding of their potential subject options the school have conducted **Taster Sessions** for year 9 students. These sessions aim to give students a firsthand experience of the content and structure of different subjects, allowing them to make more informed decisions about their academic path.

During these sessions, students had the opportunity to explore the curriculum, engage with teachers, and get a feel for the subjects they may be interested in pursuing. We believe that this hands-on approach will empower them to make choices that align with their interests, strengths, and future goals.



After the taster sessions the students can amend their chosen subjects by filling this form below by the **20th January**

**AMENDED  
SUBJECT  
OPTION  
FORM**

[ONLINE FORM HERE](#)

**Taster**  
Session



# DUKE OF EDINBURGH

## BRONZE ASSESSMENT



Kristine George: September 2022 - February 2023  
The highlight of my bronze award was definitely the adventurous journey. I was really nervous because it was something I'd never done before. However, this award as a whole has taught me to embrace new experiences and has helped me understand the importance of teamwork. I also explored my passions through the physical activity, service and creativity sections of the award. The trip was really a challenge but a super fun activity to do with friends.  
I highly recommend taking part in the DofE bronze award. It will be an experience you never forget!



Aaryan Khanna: September 2022-March 2023  
I liked getting ready to go to the journey and the suspense is created. I loved the challenge it gave me and the feeling I got after I finished the trip. I liked working as a group and building my communication skills.  
I really enjoyed doing the activities and how it encouraged and challenged me, especially to practice drums more often and it made me start going to the gym.  
I think that I really pushed myself for the bronze trip and it was a challenge like no other.



Khushi Manglani: September 2022-October 2023  
I liked the adventurous journey the most. It was unique and it pushed me to do the best of my physical capabilities. I also got to explore the desert ecosystem and learn about species of animals and plants that I never knew existed. Working as a team and looking after one another was a delightful experience and completing this with some of my best friends is what made it so special.  
I look forward to completing the silver award this year!



Ryan Daniels: September 2022 - October 2023  
Adventuring is key to finding new things to like and pursue. This journey helped me understand the meaning of teamwork and to trust your peers. There were plenty of challenges that could only be passed through teamwork and critical thinking. Although walking miles and miles on end was insanely hard and challenging, I pursued through with my friends to achieve the award, not just for recognition but to unlock my own personality.  
I look forward to getting my silver award!

# CELEBRATING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

## Chess Champion!

**PRATYUSHA JAIN, 7C**

Our students continue to excel both in and out of school and at DIA Emirates Hills, we have our very own young chess champion! We are delighted to share news of Pratyusha's fantastic achievements and hope that by celebrating her successes, they will inspire others.

### Success in Numbers

In 2023 alone, Pratyusha has won:

- 1 Chess Championship
- 3 'First in Tournament'
- 2 Second places in chess tournaments
- 2 Third places in chess tournaments

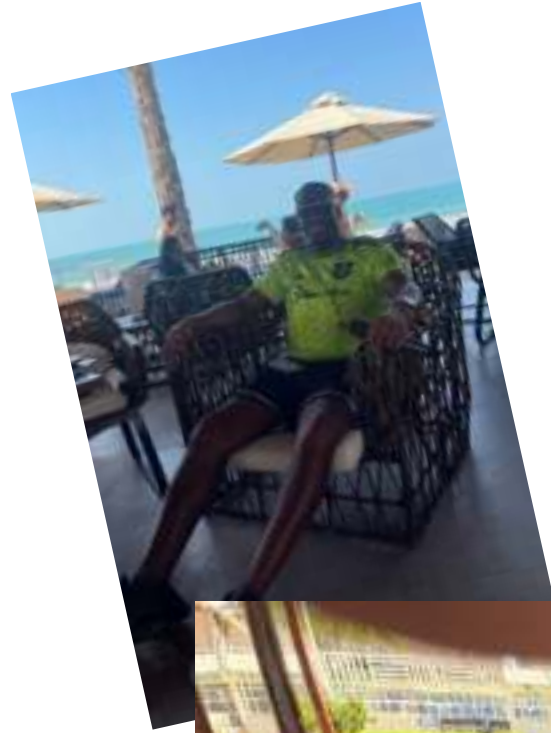
Congratulations Pratyusha!





# Year 12 Retreat

Year 12 students went on a retreat to Ras Al Khaimah where they had lots of fun enjoying the beach and constructive time working on their group 4 collaborative science project, extended essay and university brag sheet.





**DIA-EH**

# Class of 2024 Graduation



**SATURDAY  
MAY 25TH  
2024**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

VENUE TO BE  
REVEALED SHORTLY!  
EVENING EVENT FROM  
5 PM





# IBCP POST 16 PATHWAY



You missed this session, but contact us for more details

## YR 12 & 13 Visits and Experiences

Year 12 BTEC	Year 13 BTEC
<b>Sep 23</b> Habtoor Grand Hotel Visit (Unit 1)	<b>December 23</b> Dubai Airshow Trip and talks (Unit 4)
<b>November 23</b> Hilton Group Visit (Unit 8)	<i>NB: Cancelled due to inclement weather</i>

### Term 2 & 3 (Subject to change) – YR12 ONLY

- Hero Dubai Desert Classic (Work experience & Service Learning)
- Emirates Training College
- AW Rostamani Work Experience Programme
- Coca Cola Arena Work Experience Opportunity
- In school Guest Speakers

COMING SOON

## YR 12 BTEC - The Journey so far

### September to December

Complete **Unit 1**: Exploring Business  
Complete **Unit 8**: Human Resources

### January to March

Complete **Unit 2**: Research and Plan a Marketing Campaign  
• External assessment (PSA) completed in **March 2024**

### March to June / July

Complete **Unit 21**: Training and Development  
Complete **Unit 3**: Business Finance

COMING SOON

The recent Year 12 and 13 IBCP Coffee Meeting held on January 3rd was an enriching and informative session for parents, exploring various integral aspects of the International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (IBCP). The gathering provided a deep dive into the IBCP curriculum, with a focus on the BTEC curriculum's intricacies, upcoming units, and exciting prospects of forthcoming trips.

Additionally, significant attention was dedicated to unraveling the nuances of the Reflective Project and Service Learning, highlighting their importance within the programme. Furthermore, to facilitate easy access and engagement with the Reflective Project, a Padlet link was shared, providing an avenue for parents to delve further into this pivotal component, thereby supporting their child's involvement and understanding.

The event underscored the commitment of both parents and educators to actively engage in shaping the educational experiences of Year 12 and 13 students within the IBCP framework. The detailed discussions and shared resources serve as instrumental tools in fostering a collaborative environment, where parents are equipped with the necessary information and resources to support their child's progression and success within the IBCP. This collaborative effort ensures that students receive comprehensive support from both home and school, maximizing their potential and holistic growth within this programme.



# ALPHA News



This week, our gifted minds delved into personalized career counseling with our excellent career specialist Mr. Stewart Pinkerton. Many thanks to him for helping to shape the paths of these future leaders!

Gifted students often grapple with multipotentiality, a trait where they excel in multiple areas. This can lead to choice paralysis, making tailored career counseling vital.

Early guidance helps these young talents navigate their passions, interests, and unique potentials, setting the stage for purposeful journeys.



# **Business Minds**

## **Sign Ups Open to Years 7-13**

**Date of Event: January 20th**

Sign up individually or in groups of 3

**DIA-EH students**

Sign-up link



**Age Brackets:**

Years 7-8

Years 9-10

Years 11-13

**Link:**

<https://forms.gle/XYukYgeapV535eABA>

For inquiries contact:

[dia18356@diaestudents.com](mailto:dia18356@diaestudents.com)

## **Prizes For Top Teams!**

## **Deadline: January 15th**

# WhatsApp Links



DIA-EH Year 7	<a href="https://chat.whatsapp.com/CsNDf7O8L5v3WfyEqiXQFT">https://chat.whatsapp.com/CsNDf7O8L5v3WfyEqiXQFT</a>
DIA-EH Year 8	<a href="https://chat.whatsapp.com/KR1M6CbW5sZ0iG1Ud5hKtG">https://chat.whatsapp.com/KR1M6CbW5sZ0iG1Ud5hKtG</a>
DIA-EH Year 9	<a href="https://chat.whatsapp.com/C49M1rtrWMCCm75a0pujmc">https://chat.whatsapp.com/C49M1rtrWMCCm75a0pujmc</a>
DIA-EH Year 10	<a href="https://chat.whatsapp.com/F63pR3dcCme0bOO7u4tELG">https://chat.whatsapp.com/F63pR3dcCme0bOO7u4tELG</a>
DIA-EH Year 11	<a href="https://chat.whatsapp.com/D555C5uLCDUGlzejf9zSel">https://chat.whatsapp.com/D555C5uLCDUGlzejf9zSel</a>
DIA-EH Year 12	<a href="https://chat.whatsapp.com/Cte9adVpk8V65NQCrcm1HR">https://chat.whatsapp.com/Cte9adVpk8V65NQCrcm1HR</a>
DIA-EH Year 13	<a href="https://chat.whatsapp.com/FSkXuffUiyWLAeno5paU82">https://chat.whatsapp.com/FSkXuffUiyWLAeno5paU82</a>



# DIA SECONDARY SPORT TERM 2



***We are indeed very proud of our sports programmes, community, and culture at DIA!***



@diadubaisport



@DIA\_Sports



@diadubaisport

## ***Sport at DIA***

Sport isn't just about competition; it's a journey of self-discovery, discipline, fun and friendship. Every athlete, regardless of skill level, is nurtured to surpass their personal best, teaching them resilience and the spirit of perseverance. Our coaches instil values that transcend the playing field, shaping champions of character and integrity. Unity in diversity defines our teams, where athletes from varied backgrounds come together, forging bonds that last a lifetime. In the heart of DIA EH, sport is more than a game; it's a life lesson, a passion, and a commitment to excellence while promoting inclusion.

***Passion for Sport***

[www.diadubaisport.com](http://www.diadubaisport.com)



# Providing Opportunities

Participation in sports is not just a physical endeavour but a transformative experience for our young students. It goes beyond boosting physical and mental growth; it motivates, nurtures, enhances self-esteem, and creates bonds that empower. Through sports, students cultivate a positive mindset and acquire skills that benefit them throughout their lives.

At our programmes, every student receives an opportunity not just to excel in sports but also to nurture their holistic well-being, spanning their social, emotional, physical, moral, and mental facets.

The true essence of sports shines through values like sportsmanship, respect, care, teamwork, discipline, responsibility, self-confidence, and accountability. These core values, which we deeply cherish, are seamlessly woven into the fabric of Dubai International Academy's curriculum and philosophy.

The passion and active involvement of students, teachers, and parents in sporting activities enrich the lives of DIA students and foster a robust school community.



GO WOLVES!



## Leagues and Competition

We participate in premier interschool competitions on both the national and international stages. Previously, we've been recognised as one of Dubai's top three sports schools and youth development programmes, and ranked top in the World Sports Games' and the best sports schools category.

Additionally, we've garnered multiple individual and team awards, gaining recognition across various sports on both national and international sports platforms.



# Training Schedule - Term 2

## VOLEYBALL

- **Monday**

- U14 Boys & Girls Volleyball at 6:20am - 7:20am
- U16 & U19 Boys Volleyball at 3:10pm - 4:10pm

- **Tuesday**

- U16 Boys Volleyball at 6:20am - 7:20am
- U16 & U19 Girls Volleyball at 3:10pm - 4:10pm

- **Wednesday**

- U16 & U19 Girls Volleyball at 3:10pm - 4:10pm

- **Thursday**

- U14 Boys & Girls Volleyball 3:10pm - 4:10pm

- **Friday**

- U19 Boys Volleyball at 6:20am - 7:20am



## GAME EVENINGS

- Monday - U19 Girls
- Tuesdays - U19 Boys
- Wednesdays - U14 Boys and Girls
- Thursdays - U16 Boys and Girls

\*PE Hall (until 12 Jan 2024, the training sessions are on the outside courts)



# Training Schedule - Term 2

## TENNIS

- **Tuesday**
  - U13 Boys & Girls at 6:20am - 7:20am
  - U15 & U19 Boys & Girls at 3:10pm - 4:10pm
- **Thursday**
  - U13 Boys & Girls at 6:20am - 7:20am
- **Friday**
  - U15 & U19 Boys & Girls at 6:20am - 7:20am



\*Tennis courts

## NETBALL

- **Monday**
  - U12 & U14 Girls at 3:10pm - 4:10pm
- **Tuesday**
  - U16 & U19 Girls at 6:20am - 7:20am
- **Wednesday**
  - U12 & U14 Girls at 6:20am - 7:20am
- **Thursday**
  - U16 & U19 Girls at 3:10pm - 4:10pm



## GAME EVENINGS

- Monday - U16 Girls
- Tuesdays - U12 Girls
- Wednesdays - U19 Girls
- Thursdays - U14 Girls

\*Tennis Courts



# Training Schedule - Term 2

## ATHLETICS

- **Monday**  
- U13, U15 & U19 Boys & Girls at 3:10pm - 4:10pm
- **Tuesday**  
- U13, U15 & U19 Boys & Girls at 3:10pm - 4:10pm
- **Wednesday**  
- U13, U15 & U19 Boys & Girls at 3:10pm - 4:10pm

\*100m running track

\*no trials just attend training

## CROSS COUNTRY & AQUATHLON

- **Tuesdays**  
- U13 to U19 at 6:20am - 7:20am  
\*Aquathlon athletes can join in here
- **Wednesdays**  
- U13 to U19 at 6:20am - 7:20am  
\*Aquathlon athletes can join in here

\*Main field



## WORLD SCHOOL GAMES

- **Athletics:** Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 3:10pm-4:10pm – Boys and Girls – main field
- **Football:** Tuesday and Thursday at 3:10pm-4:10pm – Boys and Girls – main field
- **Swimming:** Monday and Wednesday at 3:10pm – 4:10pm – Boys and Girls – swim pool

\*for the shortlisted team - The FINAL team will be announced on Wednesday 17 January 2023 – 14 boys and 14 girls in each age category U13 and U15!





# Training Schedule - Term 2

## CRICKET

- **Mondays**

- U19 Boys at 6:20am - 7:20am
- U15 Boys at 3:10pm - 4:10pm

- **Tuesdays**

- U19 Boys at 6:20am - 7:20am
- U15 Boys at 3:10pm - 4:10pm

- **Thursdays**

- U13 Boys at 6:20am - 7:20am
- U19 Boys at 3:10pm - 4:10pm

\*Cricket Nets

## GAME EVENINGS

- Tuesdays - U16 Boys
- Fridays - U19 Boys



## SWIMMING

- **Mondays**

- U13 to U19 at 3:10pm - 4:10pm

\*Aquathlon athletes can join in here

- **Wednesdays**

- U13 to U19 at 3:10pm - 4:10pm

\*Aquathlon athletes can join in here

\*Main Swimming Pool





# Coaches

## VOLLEYBALL

- Coach Lea Jean Chavez U14 Girls
- Coach Melissa Dona U14 Boys
- Coach Fiona Turnbull U16 Girls
- Coach Joe Sidebottom U16 Boys
- Coach Amy Dowling U19 Girls
- Coach Melissa Dona U19 Boys

## NETBALL

- Coach John Aboaja U12 Girls
- Coach Susan McMechan U14 Girls
- Coach Donna Cambell U16 & U19 Girls

## ATHLETICS

- Coach Donna Cambell
- Coach Fiona Turnbull
- Coach Joe Sidebottom

## TENNIS

- Coach Christian Summers

## WORLD SCHOOL GAMES

- Coach Donna Campbell - Athletics & Swimming
- Coach Lea Chaves - Swimming
- Coach Fiona Turnbull - Athletics
- Coach Joe Sidebottom - U13 Girls Football & Athletics
- Coach Joy Thomas - U13 Boys Football
- Coach Susan McMechan - U15 Girls Football
- Coach Glen Doyle - U15 Boys Football

Contact: Mr Mihail Kouzev Director of Sport Email: [mihailk@diadubai.com](mailto:mihailk@diadubai.com)



# Term 2 CCAs

Dear Students,

We're excited to announce the lineup of Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) for Term 2! This term, we're offering a diverse array of options, ensuring there's something for everyone. Whether you're interested in sports, arts, technology, books, or community service, you'll find activities that match your passions and help you develop new skills.

Please see the CCAs on offer here:

<https://apps.innoventureseducation.com/diaeh/cca/ss/list.aspx>

We encourage you to explore these opportunities and take full advantage of them. Participating in CCAs is not just about learning new things; it's also about making new friends, building teamwork, and creating memorable experiences. It's your chance to step out of your comfort zone, try something new, and enjoy every moment of your school journey.

Don't miss out on these incredible opportunities. Get involved, challenge yourself, and most importantly, have fun!

Looking forward to seeing you all in the CCAs!



Contact: Mr Mihail Kouzev Director of Sport & CCAs Email: [mihailk@diadubai.com](mailto:mihailk@diadubai.com)

# Who should I contact?

*A guide to help streamline Year 7 communication.*



2022-2023

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Absence, late, or leave early.	Evelyn Pakatan	sssecretary@diadubai.com
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The Middle Years Programme.	Ruba Jeshi	rubaj@diadubai.com
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Inclusion / EAL / Alpha	Asha Karam	ashak@diadubai.com
Assessment questions, including standardized tests.	Susan McMechan	susanm@diadubai.com
University / Careers Counselling.	Stewart Pinkerton	stewartp@diadubai.com
My child's physical, social, or emotional wellbeing.	Shannon Meehan	shannonm@diadubai.com
Transition from Year 6 - Year 7	Shannon Meehan	shannonm@diadubai.com
IT issues.	IT Support	helpdesk@diadubai.com
DIA Parent Association	TBC	padiadubai@gmail.com
Urgent/serious concerns	Michelle Puxty	michellep@diadubai.com



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