



Secondary School Newsletter



Head of Secondary Message

Hello Parents,

The Battle of the Houses unfolded with a thrilling triumph for both Fire (my team!) and Earth, showcasing an impressive display of talent and unwavering determination. The campus was ablaze with passion and house spirit during this spectacular showdown.

Moreover, it has been heartening to witness an influx of parents into school, due to different events. The active engagement and unwavering support from parents have added a dynamic dimension to our school environment. Whether participating in enlightening Career Counselling and University Preparation sessions or support us with the launch of our International Evening, or PADIA Movie Night, your involvement has been truly appreciated.

As I pen down these words, our teams are currently representing us at the World School Games in Dubai. We look forward to sharing the exciting updates from this global competition in our next newsletter.

In addition to the spirited events, I'm delighted to announce the arrival of our new Deputy Head, Mr. Jonathon Dunn, who brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to our school community. Concurrently, we bid a fond farewell to Mr. Michael Norton as he embarks on his new Headship journey at a sister school.

Hope you enjoy this Newsletter,

Michelle

Key Information

All week Monday 29 Jan - Thursday 1 Feb

Focus Groups

Taking place in the Presentation Hall from 8 am

Monday: Year 7

Tuesday: Years 8 & 9

Wednesday: Years 10 & 11

Thursday: Years 12 & 13

Thursday 1 Feb

Years 8 & 9 Movie Night

Watch a movie under the stars in the Quad. Starts at 5pm, AED 20 payable via the payment link and includes drink and snack.

Monday 5 Feb

Years 11 -13 Mid-Year Reports

Please check the iSams Portal in the evening.

Friday 9 Feb

School finishes for Mid-Term break.

International Trips commence.

Monday 19 Feb

School returns from Mid-Term break.

Dear Parents,

It is my pleasure to introduce myself as Deputy Head (Academic) for Year 7-11 at Dubai International Academy, Emirates Hills. Throughout my career as an educator, I have held teaching and leadership positions both in the UK and the UAE, with a core purpose of raising student achievement and fostering personal development. Since moving to the UAE in 2016 with my wife, we have made the country our second home and we are now blessed to have our daughter, Persephone, who is shortly turning 2.



Prior to moving to the UAE, I grew up and studied in north-east England, before moving to Kent to commence my teaching career. Outside of my career, I am a sports enthusiast and as a family we have a particular love of travelling.

In my short time so far at DIA, I have been thoroughly impressed with the positive culture of learning that is fostered within the school. Furthermore, the level of maturity, diligence and academic curiosity displayed by the students is incredibly impressive. I look forward to contributing to the journey of this wonderful school.

Best Wishes,

Jonathon Dunn

Hero Dubai Desert Classic 2024 – A Triumph of Volunteerism by DIA Students

In a remarkable display of community engagement and hands-on learning, **Year 12 IBCP & BTEC students** from Dubai International Academy (DIA) recently seized the unique opportunity to volunteer at the prestigious Hero Dubai Desert Classic 2024. Celebrating its 35th edition, this golf extravaganza unfolded over four thrilling days from January 8th to 21st, drawing golf enthusiasts and global attention alike.



The heart of this vibrant event beats with the dedicated efforts of countless volunteers, and this year, our DIA Year 12 BTEC students found themselves at the forefront as course Marshalls. Stepping onto the pristine course on Friday, they were warmly welcomed by Mr. Yunus, Chief Marshall, and Mr. Joe Way, Senior Executive at Falcon Golf to whom, with thanks, made this all possible. The students eagerly listened and absorbed the wisdom shared by these seasoned professionals, gaining insights into the intricacies of their roles and the importance Marshalls to this event.

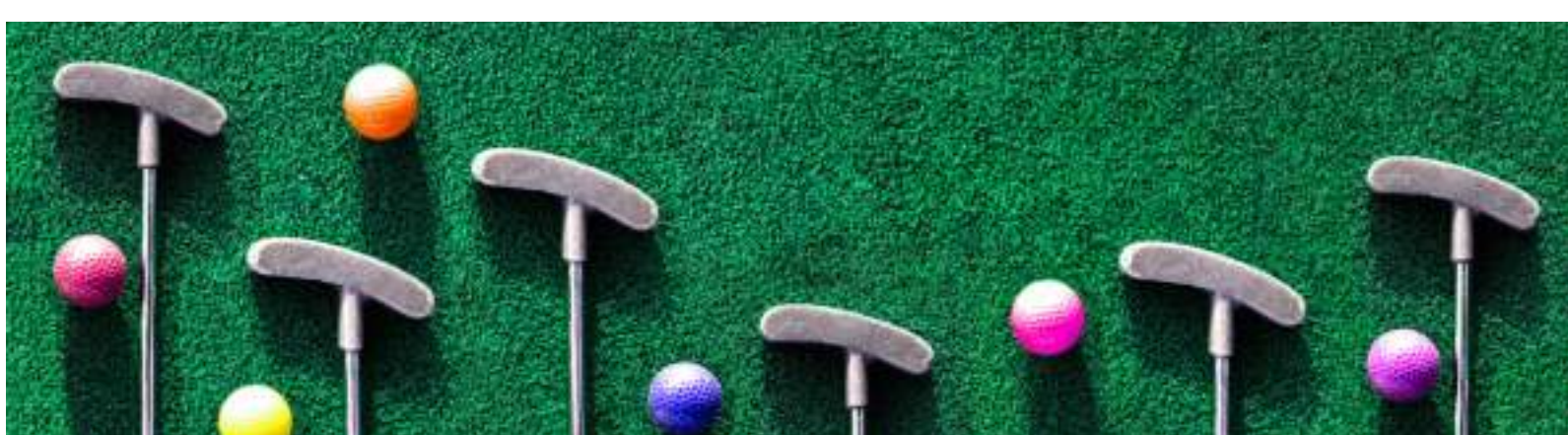
Assigned specific positions for day 1, our students then embarked on a journey that seamlessly blended responsibility and excitement. Their duties extended beyond the confines of the course, as they had the privilege of interacting with golfing legends, emerging talents, and even celebrities, creating memories that will, hopefully, last a lifetime.

Backed by the additional supervision of Mr. Stoddart and Mr. Tyagi, the students not only fulfilled their designated roles with enthusiasm but also found themselves immersed in an experiential learning environment. These hands-on experiences have proved to be invaluable for their Unit 2: Marketing Campaign and Unit 23: Work Experience studies, contributing significantly to the development of their leadership and communication skills. More importantly, it will help them continue to grow as human beings as they develop skills for their future career.

Despite the physical demands of the role, as identified by exhausted Pavlos, Ved and Utku on day 1, the students returned for day 2, displaying unwavering commitment and professionalism. Their resilience and ability to excel under pressure reflect the caliber of students at DIA. From Adam Ali's readiness to complete additional duties, Sivang's enthusiasm to carry the worlds heaviest score board for 5 hours , all students were exception in role. The school community cannot be prouder of their remarkable efforts, and these experiences will undoubtedly leave an indelible mark on their personal and academic journeys.



In the true spirit of DIA, they have demonstrated that learning extends far beyond the classroom, and every experience is an opportunity for growth and excellence. What experience will be next?





Unlocking Entrepreneurial Wisdom: A Session with Mr. Shubhojit Mahalanobis, Director Danube Home & Hospitality



In a riveting session that left minds buzzing with inspiration, students of the IBCP program and those studying Economics and Business in Year 11, 12, and 13 were treated to a dynamic talk by Mr. Subhojit Mahalanobis, the Director of Danube Home, Danube Hospitality Solutions, and the Sustainability Champion at DANUBE.

The theme of the session revolved around the often untold stories of failures in the world of startups and how business leaders can navigate through them. Mr. Mahalanobis, drawing from his extensive 23 years in the retail industry, emphasized the importance of learning from failures and using them as stepping stones towards success.



One of the key takeaways was the focus on identifying the gap in the market and understanding its relevance to consumers. Through compelling case studies, Mr. Mahalanobis illustrated the significance of building a narrative that resonates with consumer needs. He delved into the intricacies of consumer confidence, brand perception, and the lifetime value of a business, providing valuable insights for budding entrepreneurs.



The session underscored the crucial 3 Ps - people, product, and passion - as essential elements for the success of any business venture. A highlight of the event was the engaging Q&A session, where students had the opportunity to pick Mr. Mahalanobis's brain on topics ranging from private equity to market capture. The interactive dialogue added a layer of practicality to the theoretical knowledge students gain in their classrooms. In weaving together real-life experiences and business acumen, Mr. Shubhojit Mahalanobis left an indelible mark on the young minds present.



DIA students attend Model Congress Leadership Conference at Harvard University



This January a group of 4 students embarked on DIA's first participation in a Model Congress Leadership Conference at Harvard University in Boston. This conference was led by Harvard students who acted as mentors in their respective fields of study.

The students worked in breakout groups with other students from around the world to collaborate, evaluate papers, investigate and create their own presentations. Students gained knowledge about data analysis, how to define and solve it. Developing strong research question to creating a literature review, evaluate data, understand data analytics, and synthesize data from several sources into a whole were some excellent takeaways from this conference. Public speaking skills on how to organize an argument, engage the audience, use persuasive language, and present ideas clearly and effectively made for some very interesting sessions.



The skills they learned will help them become leaders and prepare for the attending university in the future.

Students covered some very interesting content, and gained a lot of knowledge about data analysis, research question drafting, and public speaking. The course was a wonderful experience; DIA students had the opportunity to meet students from all around the world and as well network with Harvard students, mentors, and professors. They also enjoyed a tour of Harvard getting to know the history and traditions of Harvard.



SCHOOL PRODUCTION 2024

On the 10th and 11th of January, the Quad was transformed into a time-travelling set for an exciting adventure of drama, live music and dancing through the ages. It was a truly memorable production, involving a large, dedicated and talented cast, led superbly by Ms. Jill Martin and the Performing Arts team of Mr. Jamie Sullivan, Mr. Paul McCabe and Ms. Srishti Jain. Mr. Seon Lewis also deserves a special mention for arranging the spectacular backdrop of film sequences.

Congratulations to all of our fabulous performers!



Model United Nations at DIA: YMUN



It is with great pleasure to report that Aarav Vasnavi, Year 7, and Vihaan Shukla, Year 9, despite being amongst the youngest of the delegates, achieved Best Delegate awards. A huge well done to all participants and thank you to the DIAMUN 2024 team for the valuable training given to our delegates.

Ms. Palak Mathur, MUN Coordinator



Aarav Vaishnavi

My name is Aarav, and I am proud to say that I have participated in the inaugural YMUN Conference. In this conference, I represented China in the Economic and Financial Affairs Committee (ECOFIN). The conference was fun and I met many people, creating many bonds with other delegates. Multiple countries were represented in my committee, such as Sierra Leone, Australia, El Salvador and Japan. We also engaged in intriguing debates and discussions on ongoing and previous world crisis', which helped us get more experience on the world issues around us.

This was my first MUN conference, but I wasn't alone. Most of the people at the conference were first timers, and it was fun to share experiences with them. People in MUN are very kind and friendly, and a majority of the people you meet will be your friends for a long time.

I am also very happy to say that I had been awarded with the 'Honourable Mention' award in this conference. You know what? Maybe give MUN a shot yourself!



Vihaan Shukla

NEW CANTEEN IN DIA EH

What's the review?

There is a new canteen company in DIA Emirates Hills, Kalo. Joining at the beginning of the term in January 2024, the new staff have reviewed and re-designed the canteen which is used by both the Primary and Secondary school students.

So what is the review? Is it better? Are there more options? Find out below...




Grab & Go

DAILY MENU

 <p><i>Breakfast & Bakery Items</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peanut Croissant 4.00 Cheese Croissant 3.80 Za'atar Croissant 3.80 Peanut Muffin 4.00 Honey Raisin Muffin 4.00 Blueberry Muffin 4.00 Cu Mungo Pudding 11.00 Greek Yogurt Parfait 12.00 French Crêpe 11.00 Za'atar Mandi 4.00 Cheese Mandi 4.00  <p><i>Beverages</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lemon 4.00 Water 2.00 Original Smoothie 4.00 French Fruit Smoothie 4.00 Caribbean Fruit Smoothie 4.00 Fruit Dragon 4.00 Green Machine 4.00 Mango Paradise 4.00 	 <p><i>Sandwiches & Wraps</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buffalo Mozzarella Tomato & Basil Panini Sandwich 15.00 Grilled Falafel with Olive Tapenade, Stewed Tomatoes & Cucumber in Spinach Tortilla Bread 15.00 Grilled Chicken with Light Mayo & Tomato 15.00 Grilled Mixed Vegetables with Olive Paste & Feta Cheese in Brown Columbia Bread 12.00 Tuna with Lettuce, Sweet Corn & Mayo 14.00 Roasted Egg, Light Cream Cheese & Rucola in Blood Bread 11.00 Chicken Tikka Wrap in Naan Bread 15.00 Chicken Falafel Wrap with Guacamole 15.00 Falafel Wrap 10.00 Lentil & Za'atar with Carrots, Cucumber in Flat Bread 11.00 Onion Beef Wrap 15.00 10) Cornish Egg 11) Cornish Dairy 12) Cornish Gluten 13) Cornish Fish 14) Cornish Beans 15) Vegetarian 	 <p><i>Salads</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kale Mc Cleary Salad 14.00 Oh My Jar Salad 14.00 Rocket Leaves Salad with Fresh Mushroom & Parmesan Cheese 12.00 Grilled Eggplant Salad with Rucola, Cherry Tomatoes & Feta Cheese 12.00 Warm Baked Falafel 11.00 Ta-Cover Peas Salad 11.00 Watercress, Za'atar, Tomato & Tuna Salad 12.00 Cucumber & Chickpea Salad with Pomegranate 12.00 Carrot-Ginger Vegetable Salad with Turkish Cheese & Balsamic 12.00 Mediterranean Green Salad 11.00 Spinach Leaves with Avocado, Mango & Multi Grain Quinoa 14.00 Chicken Caesar Salad topped with Toasted Bruschetta 13.00 Chicken Cobb Salad 14.00 Tuna Topped Salad 11.00 Chicken Quinoa Avocado Salad 13.00 Mexican Grilled Chicken Salad 11.00 Beef Quinoa Salad 14.00
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*All hot and cold food must be consumed in the cafeteria during service hours.

“I really like the new canteen” - Year 10 student

“Why did this only happen during our last year at school?” - Year 13 student

“I love the smoothies” - Year 9 student

“The new canteen is great. There is so much choice.” - Year 7 student

“The salads are actually nice” - Year 10 student

“The coffee is much better than before” - Staff

“There are so many options!” - Year 11 student

“The grilled chicken wrap is the best” - Year 8 student

“Overall, think it is much better. Very jealous of the younger year groups who will have this for much longer” - Year 13 student

IB DP TOK



In TOK, our DP1 students have been immersing themselves in an in-depth exploration of the five Areas of Knowledge. This journey is facilitated through a dynamic educational environment, where TOK instructors utilize their specialized expertise to enrich the students' learning experience. The students are also being introduced to the TOK exhibition, their internal assessment, where they will showcase their refined critical thinking skills. We anticipate a remarkable exhibition in May.



DP2 students are culminating their TOK journey by applying their accumulated knowledge to their final TOK essays. This year's essay titles are intellectually stimulating and diverse, covering a range of thought-provoking topics. Our DP2 students are diligently finalizing these essays, drawing from the extensive knowledge they have developed in their subjects. Their deep engagement with these complex topics reflects a mature understanding of the intricate nature of knowledge itself.



ATL (APPROACHES TO LEARNING)



Integrated into Subjects:

ATLs are not taught as standalone subjects but are integrated throughout the MYP curriculum. They are designed to support students in acquiring the necessary skills to inquire, think critically, communicate effectively, and engage in self-reflection.

01



Skill Development Across Disciplines

MYP aims to provide students with a comprehensive set of skills that go beyond subject-specific content. This approach aligns with the broader goal of education, which is to prepare students for success not only in academic pursuits but also in the challenges they will face in their personal and professional lives.

02



Collaborative Learning:

MYP aims to prepare students for the collaborative nature of academic and professional settings. These skills are not only valuable during the MYP years but also provide a foundation for success in the Diploma Programme (DP) and beyond, where collaboration and effective communication are often key components of academic and career success.

03



Inquiry-Based Learning:

ATL in the MYP complements and strengthens the principles of inquiry-based learning. It provides students with the skills and attitudes necessary to engage in independent inquiry, fostering a lifelong love of learning and the ability to think critically and creatively in a variety of contexts.

04

Here is the reason why.....

ATLS IN MYP



The use of Approaches to Learning (ATL) skills in MYP is integral to the program's philosophy of developing well-rounded, lifelong learners. ATL skills are explicitly taught and embedded throughout the MYP curriculum to empower students with the tools they need for academic success and beyond. Here's a breakdown of how ATL skills are utilized in the MYP:



Battle of the Houses

Thursday 18th & Friday 19th January 2024



Inter-house rivalry is a long standing tradition in DIA. Last week saw us host our annual "Battle of the Houses" event happening on both Thursday (Years 10-13) and Friday (Years 7-9). Representing the four houses of Earth, Air, Fire, and Water squads, students from all years got in on the action with a day jam-packed with challenges and games that brought out the best in each house.

Thursday's face-off had us on the edge of our seats as Fire clinched the win in a close one, and on Friday, the younger crew got their moment to shine as Earth rocked the scene and grabbed the victory. Beyond the scores, Battle of the Houses was all about teamwork, school spirit, and making memories within the school community.





Year 12

University Application Process Seminar

7th February 5pm-7pm

SS Presentation Hall

Students and Parents Welcome

Timelines
&
Documents

Student
Profiles

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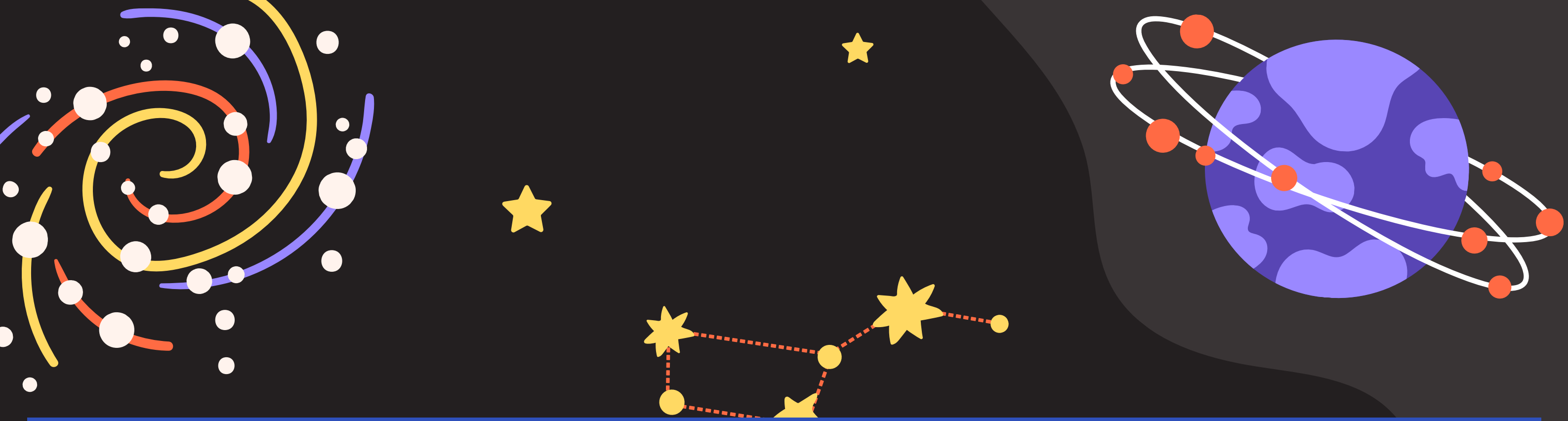
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International Evening 2024

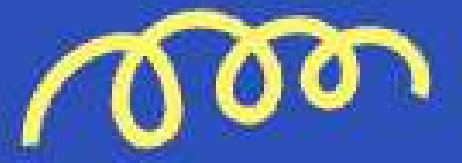
In celebration of diversity and unity

4PM | March 8, 2024 | School Field





Interstellar Minds CCA presents



DIA SPACESHIP CHALLENGE



Join the first astronomy-based competition of DIA! Show your outstanding STEM skills to the school and have a chance to win great prizes and awards at this competition!

9 FEBRUARY 2024 

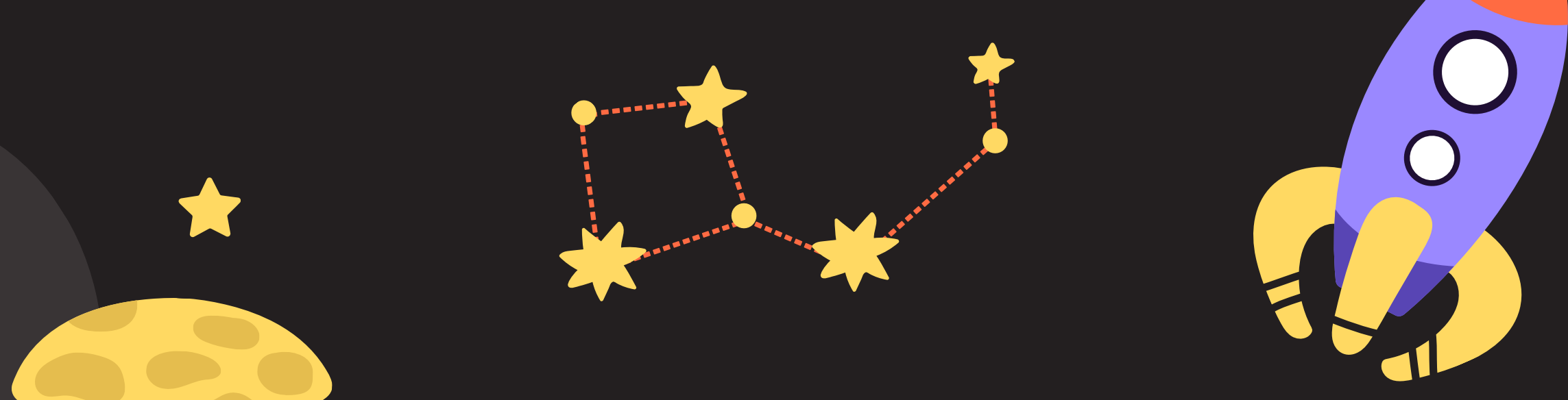
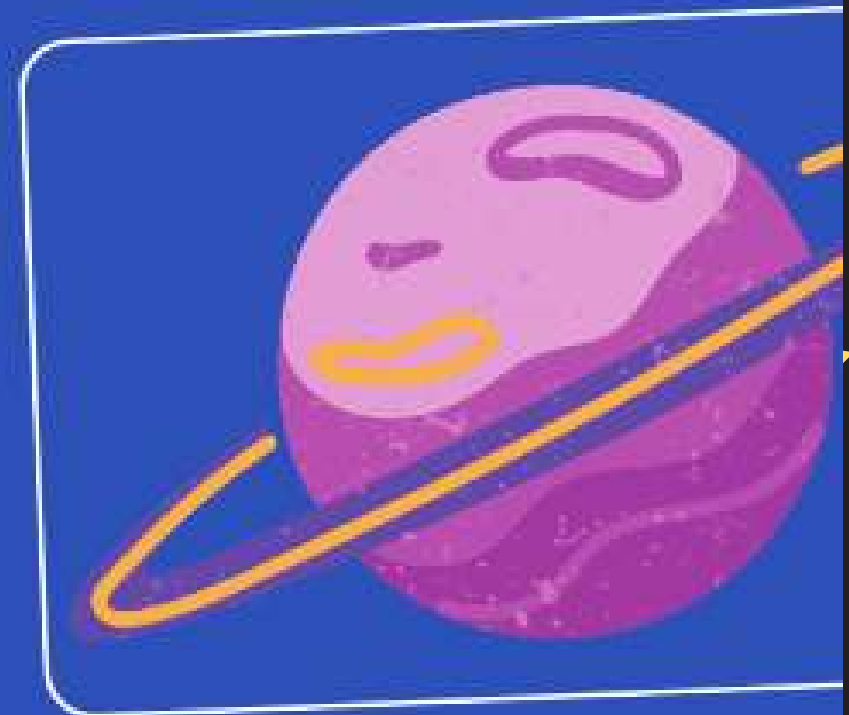
Use TinkerCAD to design the best looking spaceship prototype!

PRIZE POOL UP TO:

100 AED

For registration and more info, please contact:

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DIA Inclusion News on Instagram



Another addition to the DIA Community! The DIA Inclusion page will celebrate our diverse community

Follow us for news, posts, and events on neurodiversity and inclusion at DIA!



Scan me!



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**THANK YOU DIA
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