

OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - IBT HONOUR STUDENTS

We are delighted to inform that 14 of our students have attained levels above the Middle East and International Average Scale Score in all Years 4 to 11 across each subject area in the IBT standardized tests and their success in these exams is indeed commendable. The students were awarded the IBT Certificate of Honour and a cash award for this outstanding achievement by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER).



LIST OF IBT AWARD WINNERS

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| 1 | Arabic B | Yaquin Bekkali | YR8 E |
| 2 | Arabic B | Nour Hedna | YR9 C |
| 3 | English | Tianyue Chen | YR4 E |
| 4 | English | Julia Smith | YR5 B |
| 5 | English | Loay Naseriddin | YR7 A |
| 6 | Mathematics | Arnav Jayaswal | YR5 C |
| 7 | Mathematics | Ismail Iqbal | YR5 A |
| 8 | Mathematics | Zhaojin Chu | YR6 F |
| 9 | Mathematics | Aazam Alam | YR7 C |
| 10 | Mathematics | Hamza Zaidi | YR10 C |
| 11 | Science | Alexander Riachi | YR4 D |
| 12 | Science | Harman Shah | YR4 A |
| 13 | Science | Kane Simpson | YR5 D |
| 14 | Science | Thordur Gudlaugsson | YR5 A |



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TEN YEARS

DIAMUN 2018

THE OPENING CEREMONY: DIAMUN 2018 BY VEDANG LAMBE

The Opening Ceremony for DIAMUN 2018 took place at the American University, Dubai on the 14th of March. Attended by 800 students from 10 countries, the ceremony featured speeches by the guest speaker, Mr. V Shankar, DIAMUN Secretary General Aditya Rathi, Ms. Jayne Needham and Mrs. Pratibha Rao.

The MCs for the evening- Ananya Mirchndani, Head of Admin and Deputy Secretary, Adam Abdulla tied the entire event together with great passion. The event started with the National anthem of the UAE, followed by an introductory video produced by the Media Team.

We saw DIA students transform into musicians and singers in the main acts of the evening. We heard the DIA Orchestra perform a melodious rendition of 'Skyfall' by Adele, and present the theme of the event: Heroism. Boys from Year 8 brought tears to our eyes as they sang of the beautiful world we live in. And then, the staple of every MUN: The Walk of Flags. The UN nations were represented by the student officers bearing their flags: UAE, China, Japan, France, India, Sweden, Pakistan, and more.

The drama students performed a play titled "Us and Them", that subtly conveyed Trump's vision of the infamous wall across North-America, and the importance of Unity in Diversity.

The press team also presented a video that showed the development of Dubai in the last decade, alongside that of DIAMUN in the last 10 years.

This was followed by a speech by our Principal, Mrs. Rao, welcoming delegates from around the world to the 10th DIAMUN conference.

And then it was back to the talented students. Three musical acts: "The River", by Johann, Sharzeh and Rohan, "Hall of Fame" by Kasvi and Maya, and "Man in the Mirror" by Kai from Year 7. Young Kai's breath-taking performance received a large applause from the audience.

And finally it was time for the Secretary General's speech. Aditya Rathi, the 10th DIAMUN SG spoke of his 5-year journey in the Model United Nations, and its impact on his personal life and future. Finally, after a Vote of Thanks by Ms. Jayne Needham, Aditya declared DIAMUN 2018 as officially open.

An article published by Gulf News on DIAMUN 2018

<http://gulfnews.com/news/uae/education/students-discuss-pressing-global-issues-at-10th-model-united-nations-1.2188843>



DIAMUN 2018





GIVE TRIP TO NEPAL BY FUAD ALKHATIB 11A 9TH – 15TH FEBRUARY 2018



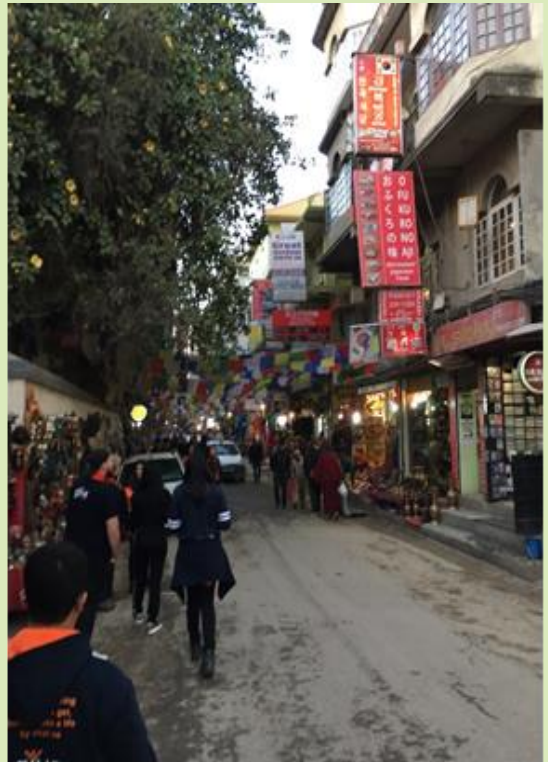
دبي العطاء
Dubai Cares

The team has just recently arrived back in Dubai from an amazing and wonderful experience in Nepal, in which we had the opportunity to paint a school with the help of the local villagers. We successfully completed painting the entire school, and we hope this is of beneficial use to the children at the village where education is very limited. As a team we put many hours towards the building of this school and participated in many activities such as climbing to the monkey temple, which was over 350 steps. We also went sightseeing in a place known as Thamel in Katmandu where we bought extravagant gifts for our friends and families and analyzed how the culture differs from ours. One activity that I did not look forward to, since it was at 6:00 in the morning, was yoga, however the experience was incredible, and the yoga was surprisingly very relaxing. At one point of the trip we had to live with a family at the village where we were essentially their guests. It was because we barely could communicate with them. However, over time we felt more comfortable and built a stronger relationship with the family.

Overall, GIVE not only supported a community to have access to education, but also gave us the real Gift of Innoventures Education, an abundance of exposure to the power that each individual has to make a difference in our world. We experienced this through a series of events! Be it, the feeling of being alive as we journeyed through the rich streets of Kathmandu, as we strolled through the colorful markets, as we waved to the cows that passed by, as we did yoga every morning at 6 am. Discipline and respect are two of the most enduring lessons I learnt on the trip. Respecting the time and culture of others as well as being disciplined in doing so. All I could say is that each and every member of the team brought their own individuality as well as their smiles, team spirit, heart, and willingness to go above and beyond. Without every one of them this trip would not have been the same!



GIVE TRIP TO NEPAL



Upcoming Events

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017 - 2018

Upcoming Events:

APRIL 2018

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| Thursday, 19 April | PD Day - no school for SS and PS students |
| Thursday, 19 - Saturday, 21 April | IB Workshop (19-21 April) |
| Sunday, 22 April | IVEI Secondary Badminton – U12, u14, U16 and U18 Boys and Mixed @ DIA |
| Sunday, 22 April | IVEI Secondary Badminton – U12, u14, U16 and U18 Girls @ RWA |
| Sunday, 22 April | Earth Day celebrations |
| Sunday, 22 - Thursday, 26 April | PS Book Week |
| Monday, 23 April | Innovents - "Forward Thinking – Young Minds/BIG Ideas" @ RWA |
| Monday, 23 April | DP1 Parent Information Morning Session |
| Tuesday, 24 April | Gateway Awards Evening |
| Thursday, 26 April | CA3 Report to Parents |
| Thursday, 26 April | PS Book Week Dress up Day |
| Friday, 27 April - Friday, 18 May | IBDP Exams |
| Sunday, 29 April | IVEI Primary Badminton – U8, U9,U10 and U11 Boys and Girls @ RIS |
| Monday, 30 April | IVEI Primary Basketball – U8 and U9 Boys and Girls @ DIA |

MAY 2018

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| Tuesday, 1 May | IVEI Primary Basketball – U10 and U11 Boys and Girls @ DIA |
| Sunday, 6 May | IVEI Table Tennis – U11 @ RIS |
| Sunday, 6 May | IVEI Table Tennis – U12, U14, U16 and U18 @ RWA |
| Sunday, 6 - Wednesday, 9 May | KG 1 Music concert |
| Monday, 7 May | The Little Mermaid Production in PS GYM - KG 2 to Yr 5 |
| Monday, 7 May | PADIA Coffee Morning |
| Monday, 7 - Friday, 18 May | MYP Year 11 Final Exam |
| Friday, 11 - Saturday, 12 May | MYP Workshop |
| Monday, 14 May | Year 7-10 ACER ISA Testing |
| Wednesday, 16 May | Year 9 Community Project Exhibition |
| Wednesday, 16 May | CCA Part 2 End |
| Wednesday, 16 May | TBC Beginning of Ramadan |
| Monday, 21 - Tuesday, 29 May | Year 11 Job Shadowing (21-29 May) |
| Tuesday, 22 May | Innovent - Academic Olympiad @ RWA |
| Thursday, 24 May | Year 3 Science Fair |
| Friday, 25 May | DP Graduation |
| Sunday, 27 - Tuesday, 29 May | MYP Year 7-9 Exams |
| Monday, 28 May | Year 6 Exhibition |
| Sunday, 27 May - Wednesday, 13 June | Year 12 Exams |
| Wednesday, 30 - Thursday, 31 May | Mid-Term Break |

Upcoming Events

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017 - 2018

Upcoming Events:

JUNE 2018

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| Sunday, 27 May - Wednesday, 13 June | Year 12 Exams |
| Sunday, 3 - Thursday, 7 June | Year 10 Exams (3-7 June) |
| Wednesday, 6 June | Year 11 DP Core Day |
| Thursday, 7 June | Year 11 University and ePortfolio Exhibition preparation day |
| Sunday, 10 June | Year 11 ePortfolio Exhibition |
| Wednesday, 13 June | Year 11 Graduation |
| Thursday, 14 - Sunday, 17 June | TBC End of Ramadan and Eid Al Fitr (TBC) |
| Monday, 18 - Thursday, 21 June | Year 7-10 Standardised Testing (18-21 June) |
| Monday, 18 - Saturday, 23 June | Year 11 Overseas Trip (18-23 June) |
| Monday, 18 - Thursday, 28 June | Year 11 DP Taster Days (18-28 June) |
| Tuesday, 19 June | DIASPORA - Alumni Reunion |
| Tuesday, 19 - Wednesday, 20 June | KG2 Graduation |
| Thursday, 21 June | Innovents - Film Festival @ DIA |
| Sunday, 24 - Tuesday 26 June | Year 4-6 Standardised Testing (24-26 June) |
| Monday, 25 June | Innovents - Art Competition @ RIS |
| Monday, 25 June | Year 6 Exhibition |
| Tuesday, 26 June | PS - Reports (sent home electronically) |
| Wednesday, 27 June | PS Parent/Teacher and Portfolio Conferences (no school for PS only) |

JULY 2018

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| Thursday, 5 July | Last day for students |
| Monday, 9 July | Last day for teachers |
| Wednesday, 11 July | Last day for SMT |
| Thursday, 12 - Thursday, 19 July | Cricket tour to UK |

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

AL NOOR DONATIONS

The PSC social students have worked very hard to collect books and toys to donate to the Al Noor Training Centre for Children with Special Needs. Al Noor is situated in Barsha and is a non-profit institution that provides all individuals with special needs, regardless of background, the same opportunity, through professional training and care, to realize their potential and integrate into the wider community.

Some of the donated items will be used by the Al Noor center as resources and others will be sold at the Fun Fair which is a family event filled with activities, events and food stalls. This year the Fun Fair will include a Super Hero Run.

Many thanks to all the parents and students of DIA that have supported the PSC in this community initiative.



KENKEN

Harman in Year 4 reached the National levels of KenKen and was ranked 13th, a great achievement!



2A IS GOING MAD WITH MEASUREMENT!

In Math, the students in 2A are learning all about weighing objects and reading scales. To apply this knowledge to real life, the students made chocolate cornflake bites! They got into groups and weighed butter, cornflakes and white chocolate chips. We mixed the ingredients together and added some maple syrup to make it extra sticky....but oh so yummy! They enjoyed the treats they all helped make and could see that measuring can indeed be a lot of fun!



HINDI MT

Hindi MT kids learnt about birds and animals and then reflected on them.

We also celebrated Happy Hat day by creating our own hats and writing things which make us happy in Hindi.



SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

CLEAN HANDS CAMPAIGN

“Clean Hands Campaign”, is the result of my interest in community health and human science.

On return from our summer vacation, I observed, huge number of absentees at the beginning of the school year among primary students. On further diligence, I found the same record being reflected in major schools in the vicinity, common infections like cold, cough, flu, being major reasons for it.

Wondering why? I had a chance to discuss with a family friend who is also a doctor. He explained the reasons and simple ways how it can be avoided. He also emphasized that majority of common infections can be avoided if we follow a very simple of washing hands frequently.

That’s when I realized the importance of the simple habit of washing hands, which we have all been repeatedly reminded about since our childhood.

I felt if I can reiterate this simple concept in primary school children, explain the importance of what has been taught to all us it would go a long way in keeping students, their family, and community healthy.

Of course learning and listening from peers is a great way to remember.



I took help of my friends out of school, their siblings, and their parents. I soon had contact details of essential teachers in different schools. I drafted a letter illustrating my objective and a sincere request to allow me make presentation in their school.

I always believed in myself and had strong faith that perseverance always pays or perhaps my honest and sincere intention of developing clean, hygienic and healthy habits within young students may have paid as well. I approached various schools across Dubai and received very positive feedback. I designed a make your own bookmark to give away to students after the presentation as a constant reminder to wash hands frequently.



Hence, as part of my CAS project in Year 12, I initiated a campaign called “Clean Hands”. The campaign is to highlight the importance of regular hand cleaning and sanitation – causes, effect and methodology for cleaning and sanitizing hands.

After getting the approval from Ms. How, our CAS coordinator, I started planning my presentation, a short video to make it exciting and interesting.

It was difficult to answer the question” how to spread awareness”? My school was easy, as I knew the primary year coordinator, nurses and primary year schedule. My objective was to spread awareness to different primary school children across UAE. Understanding the structure at my school, I planned to obtain contact information from different schools.



To top it all, corporates like “Cool & Cool” were so impressed that they collaborated with me and distributed freebies of hand sanitizers to students

Many thanks to Mr. Robert Jennings, and Ms. Elriza How, who were not only very open to my idea, but extremely supportive and encouraging. As of today, I have made the presentation to 1200 + students.

The feedback is also extremely motivating and is illustrated on

https://www.facebook.com/Clean-Hand-320082341806648/?modal=admin_todo_tour

My “ Clean Hands Campaign” has been unique in several ways:

1. It targeted children during the age when they have not built enough immunity against infection.
2. The campaign provided students with comprehensive but precise understanding of causes, effect and regime to be followed every day.
3. The presentation was made interactive along with a demonstration so as to reinforce the need for health, hygiene.
4. Finally the presentation required pledge from the students to wash their hands, especially at critical times during the day, so as to cultivate it as a habit.



During the summer months I plan to take the campaign internationally specially to rural and impoverished children in India. I am negotiating right now, and hopefully will be able to line up a few sponsors or direct manufacturers to provide small bottles of hand sanitizers to those children.

It's just the beginning, way more to go.

Please wish me best of luck so that I can continue further and spread awareness among primary year students.

Aryan Shah, 12 A

DP 1 TRIP TO TANZANIA

Our DP 1 students travelled to lush Tanzania on their recent CAS trip. Their activities included hiking with the Maasai warriors and enjoying the local wildlife on a safari in the Ngorongoro crater. They also did their bit to help society by spending a few days at a local school in Machame village. They helped lay the foundation for a new classroom, taught some Math and English and spent plenty of time singing and dancing with the kids.





WHAT WORKS - ARABIC

Mr. Reda Al Ashmawey, Aayah Kamkar, Tamara Khudair and Nour Abdallah attended the KHDA What Works presentation for the "Year of Zayed 2018". There were 4 different themes we could choose from to make the presentation, and we decided to choose Sustainability. Our title was "Sustainability in Sheikh Zayed's Mind". In the presentation we included what sustainability was, how Sheikh Zayed implemented sustainability in the UAE and the final result.



The event was held in Etihad Museum. We attended many sessions and met many new and innovative people. Our session was in Arabic, so it helped us improve our Arabic language and presentation skills. Overall we really enjoyed the entire experience and hope to go back next year.

Aayah Kamkar, Tamara Khudair and Nour Abdallah



COMPETITIVE SPORTS NEWS



DIA has made it as the top finalist at the UAE Teen Sports & Fitness Awards under the patronage of DR. ABDULLA AL KARAM the Chairman of the Board of Directors and Director General of the Knowledge and Human Development Authority (KHDA). These awards are for excellent standard of youth sports and fitness in the UAE, an area that DIA has developed to an outstanding level!

More about the award, the finalist and the criteria can be read here: <http://www.teenawards.ae>. The winners will be announced at the gala dinner on the 27th April 2018!

In addition to the above, I am also very happy to share with you that during DASSA Athletics finals (invitational event only for the top 8 athletes from the DASSA Championship “out of 56 schools”) DIA set 3 new DASSA records and won 10 medals:

U12

- Greta HJ New DASSA record, 1.40
- Greta 3rd in 300
- Emma Javelin 19.94 1st place New DASSA record
- Isabella 3rd discus

U14

- Marianna 3rd 300
- Ingrid 2nd 800
- Ryan 3rd HJ

U16

- Stephan Steyn 3rd place Javelin 34.10
- Frida won the HJ

U19

- Andjela Discus New DASSA record 24.46

Just for general knowledge, DIA was the school with the most records set during a single event since the existence of the interschool league : <http://www.dassasport.org/>

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all colleagues that are involved in building a sustainable and inclusive sports programme and providing the opportunities to our students. Thank you for your hard work, it paid off with this acknowledgement of DIA as one of the top Sports School in the UAE! I am privileged to be part of our team.

Thank you all!

Yours in Sport,

MIHAIL KOUZEV

Director of Sport and Activities



COMPETITIVE SPORTS NEWS

OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

SOPHIA DUMONT, YEAR 8

DIA's Sophia, Year 8 recently went to Switzerland to compete at the Swiss regional championship in swimming. She showed great results, winning 3 gold medals U15 (400 IM, 200 IM, 200 breast) and coming second in 100m breast stroke. She is now qualified for the Youth Cup, which is a Swiss National swimming competition. It's also a great start for the nationals in summer, where she will participate for the 3rd consecutive year.



RAAFEY KHAN YEAR 10

DIA'S Raafey and his team Alliance U16's got the 2nd Place at 2017-18 DSC football league.



MARCO REYES - YEAR 11

DIA's Marco and his team became the champions of the Dubai Sports City League 2018 for the second year in a row. The trophy and medals were awarded in the presence of ex-Real Madrid player Michel Salgado and Premier League legend Nicolas Anelka.



KYRA - YEAR 10

DIA's Kyra - 3rd overall on 5k at the most scenic and challenging Cross Country in Hatta Hills!



HENRIQUE - YEAR 3

Henrique Anjos, DIA student on Year 3E plays for the Spanish Soccer School and they won the under 8 DSC Football League, winning all the games.



NEWS FROM PADIA



MOVIE NIGHT - TROLLS

A great big thank you to all the families who came to join us for this year's Movie Night! It was lovely to see the lawns filled with happy faces and kids of all ages enjoying the atmosphere - and of course the award-winning PADIA popcorn along with the Trolls. Thank you all for coming and a special thanks to the Year 6 helpers on the popcorn stand!



SPORTS DAYS

Sports days have taken place during February and March and thanks to your support we have been able to provide bouncy castles for the KG Mini-Olympics and freshly cut oranges for the rest of the school for a much needed energy boost during the events! Much enjoyed by everyone by the look of it!!



WELLNESS TALKS

The next in this series of talks for our parent community is taking place on Wednesday 25th April at 7:45am in the Exam Hall. We look forward to welcoming you there!



COMING SOON

Ice-Lolly Day - 23 April
Bake Sale - 1 May



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