



## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

### WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents

It is both an honour and pleasure to introduce myself as the new Principal of DIA Emirates Hills.

I look forward to meeting you and working with you on your child's educational journey. Children deserve to have the best opportunities as they develop their lifelong learning skills and portfolios. The academic results at DIA this summer have been outstanding. It is incredible to think that 133 Year 13 students are about to begin their next adventure at the best universities all over the world. This September we welcome another full cohort into KG1 to begin their journey.

I truly believe in the importance of strong relationships existing between students, parents and teachers. All students should be encouraged on a daily basis to aim high and follow their dreams, with the notion that hard work is the key driver that enables outstanding academic performance. Equally important is that together we encourage the students to excel and participate in many different sporting, cultural and leadership opportunities. This enables them to develop their personalities and encourages them to be confident and happy individuals.

I am a visible leader and will make myself and other senior leaders available to parents on Sunday and Thursday mornings in the front student entrance between 7.30 and 8.30am for a chat or to discuss any issues that arise.

I look forward to a very successful year ahead.

Yours sincerely  
James Lynch

### WELCOMING NEW STUDENTS TO DIA

#### SECONDARY SCHOOL NEW STUDENTS AND FRIENDSHIP AMBASSADORS LUNCH TOGETHER



Yesterday, Wednesday of this first week in Secondary School, new students and their Friendship Ambassador buddies from their Homerooms had a delightful luncheon together with staff and school management. It was so impressive to see our new students back in the same location where less than a week ago they first arrived with their parents for

Orientation Day; but this time being nicely engaged with their fellow students in excited conversation and social interaction.

The main role for our Friendship Ambassadors is to help new students settle in at the Secondary School in DIA. Although Friendship Ambassadors were appointed in every Homeroom, the luncheon was the first event when all the Ambassadors and all the new students had the opportunity to meet together socially. This was a casual event where the new students could informally ask questions about student life at DIA and the luncheon was mainly dedicated to free social interaction.

This year, just as last year, many of the new students attended along with the Friendship Ambassadors. They were all welcomed by our new Principal, Mr. James Lynch, as well as Mr. Robert Jennings (Deputy Head Secondary School – Pastoral) and Mrs. Malin Ehrman-Sylvander (Emotional and Social Counsellor). The newly launched ABC committee, currently comprising of four students in Year 13, also held a presentation on how we can create a positive social environment in the school. There was a lot of laughter in the room and by the end of the event the new students left having made new friends and knowing many more friendly faces than before.

The Friendship Ambassadors, staff and management and all in the DIA community welcome our new students to the Secondary School!!... We love to have you here and look forward to a fantastic year together!!

**Robert Jennings**  
Deputy Head of Secondary - Pastoral

**Malin Ehrman-Sylvander**  
Counsellor





**FACILITIES ENHANCEMENTS AT DIA OVER THE SUMMER**



Campus branding



New vinyl flooring replaced in 2 classrooms and carpet in 4 Music rooms



New rubber flooring - Table Tennis area



New artificial turf - Sky Garden



New flooring in Secondary PE Hall



New signage around the campus



Football pitch re-planted and leveled



Fresh painting of the campus



Renovated toilets



New benches in the quad

## IT FACILITIES ENHANCEMENTS AT DIA OVER THE SUMMER



120 teachers desktops replaced



30 projectors replaced in classrooms



New HP Aruba Wi-Fi System and new upgraded servers



90 laptops replaced in mobile laptop trolley



125 iPad's replaced in mobile iPad trolley

## + School +



### MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL CLINIC

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and trust you had a wonderful summer break!

In the School Clinic we have three nurses and a doctor. The Sports and other activities are covered after school hours by a nurse and if necessary by a doctor as well.

Just a few tips and reminders to have a smooth start to the new academic year:

- ◆ We are a nut-free school and students are encouraged not to share their food .
- ◆ Kindly inform the clinic if your children have any medical concerns, allergies or dietary requirements.
- ◆ Update the clinic of any change of mobile numbers .
- ◆ The School Clinic is situated opposite the Padia office, down the corridor from the Primary School office.
- ◆ School Clinic mobile no. is 055-9658163, Landline no. is 04 36841111 Ext. 3549/3550.
- ◆ The clinic is open throughout the School day and our e-mail address is:  
[nurse@diadubai.com](mailto:nurse@diadubai.com) and [doctor@diadubai.com](mailto:doctor@diadubai.com)



#### Our Medical Team

Dr. Indira George

Nurses: Suchitra D'sa, Suja V, Prajusha



# Upcoming Events

ACADEMIC YEAR 2018 - 2019

Upcoming Events:

## SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday, 9 September	KG 1 first full day of school
Wednesday, 12 September	DP1 Parent info evening (5:30pm - 6:30pm)
Wednesday, 12 September	DP2 Parent info evening (6:30pm - 7:30pm)
Thursday, 13 September	Hijri New Year
Sunday, 16 September	Innovents - Box Appeal (16 Sept - 16 Oct)
Sunday, 16 September	Parent Info Sessions KG1 & KG2 7.45 am
Sunday, 16 September	Paid CCAs start
Sunday, 16 - Thursday 20 September	CAT 4 Testing, Year 7-13
Thursday, 20 September	Innovents - World Peace Day
Sunday, 23 September	PADIA New & returning parents coffee morning
Sunday, 23 - Wednesday, 26 September	GL Testing for new students
Tuesday, 25 September	PADIA wellness talk
Sunday, 30 September	Open evening for parents, 4:00pm - 6:00pm

## SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

### MESSAGE FROM THE IBDP COORDINATOR

Welcome back to the new academic year and we hope you had a relaxing and wonderful summer holiday.

The Class of 2018 proved to be outstanding with 16 students attaining 40 and above points. Paulomi Sengupta, our valedictorian, achieved the IBDP top score of 45/45. This is indeed a rare achievement as only less than 1% of the IBDP student population worldwide achieve such outstanding results. The cohort moved our overall grade point average to 34 points which is excellent achievement. Congratulations to each and every one of our 2018 DP graduates and wishing them every success for the future.

DP	May 2018	May 2017	May 2016	May 2015	May 2014	May 2013
Total number of Diploma and Courses candidates registered in the session	140	138	144	137	115	103
Number of Diploma candidates registered in the session	126	130	120	120	91	89
Number of registered candidates who passed the Diploma at DIA	121	129	117	116	88	85
% of registered candidates who passed the Diploma at DIA	96.03%	99.2%	97.5%	97%	97%	95%
% of registered candidates who passed the Diploma world-wide	TBA	78.5%	78.5%	80.29%	76%	78.54%
Average points obtained by candidates at DIA	34	33.2	33	33	33	32
Average points obtained by candidates world-wide	29.78	30	30.07	29.8	29.8	29.81
Highest total score obtained by a candidate who passed the Diploma at DIA	45/45	44/45	45/45	45/45	44/45	45/45

We have an exciting year planned ahead for our Classes of 2018 and 2019. Our IBDP Core Team are refreshed and ready to guide and mentor our students with energy, passion and commitment. The DP team is made up of 6 members; the CAS coordinator, Mrs. Elriza Taljaard is a Math specialist and will guide the Creativity, Activity and Service core component; the Theory of Knowledge Coordinator, Mr. Declan Alvaro is a Physics subject specialist and TOK teacher who will supervise the TOK team of teachers and mentor student progress; our Extended Essay Coordinator, Dr. Reena Tikku, is an Economics subject specialist, who manages the team of EE supervisors and students. Ms. Damayanti Rao, is the Head of Year 13; she was an IBDP student herself and is well versed with the needs of DP students. The Year 12 Head of Year is Mr. Adam Fitzgerald who is a English Language and Literature subject specialist. Both the HOY's will take care of the pastoral needs of our students with some academic mentoring. Ms. Rachana Sippy continues to guide our Career Counseling team ; she will be working closely with Ms. Meena Nambiar to apply for and secure student university placements.

As the DP coordinator, my main role will be to manage the running of the DP programme as well as to mentor and supervise DIA's most valuable asset, our students. I look forward to working with you. Please do not hesitate to contact me at [pamp@diadubai.com](mailto:pamp@diadubai.com) if you have any questions. Best wishes for this academic year.

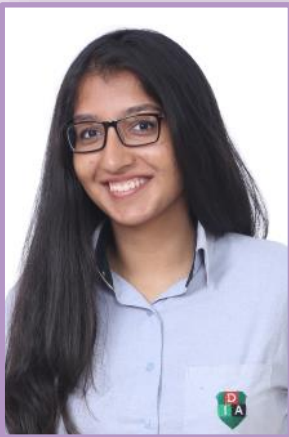
Kind regards,

**Pam Parasram**  
IBDP Coordinator

**IB DP RESULTS - CLASS OF 2018 TOP SCORES  
CONGRATULATIONS! WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!**



**PAULOMI SENGUPTA**  
**45/45**



**RHEA SWAIN**  
**44/45**



**ELIAS FARAH**  
**43/45**



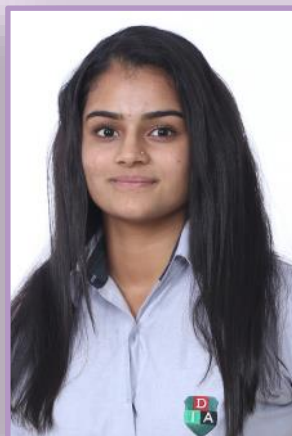
**SHIVANI AYYAR**  
**43/45**



**TIMOTHY CARPENTER**  
– FRANK  
**43/45**



**MARCELLO PEREIRA**  
**42/45**



**SHREYA SREERAM**  
**42/45**



**TAARIKA RAJANI**  
**41/45**



**TESSA THOMAS**  
**41/45**



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**ZOHRA BEN GDARA**  
**41/45**



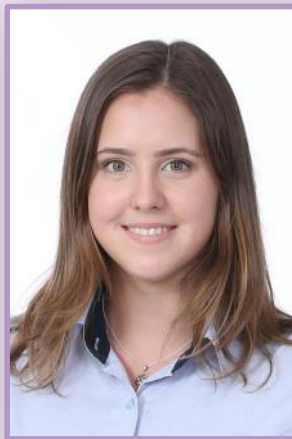
**VICTOR ZEXI HE**  
**40/45**



**ZAIN SHANQITI**  
**40/45**



**JIYA SINGH**  
**40/45**



**TINA ZUPANCIC**  
**40/45**



**AAKRITI BADYAL**  
**40/45**



**AANYA BAHL**  
**40/45**

## MESSAGE FROM THE IBMYP COORDINATOR

### MYP STUDENTS RECEIVE ASSESSMENT RESULTS

The MYP team at Dubai International Academy are proud to announce a significant improvement in our MYP results. This year we had 128 students registered for the May 2018 examination session and we maintained our steady progress in increasing our MYP Certificate student grade average from 41 points to 42 points out of 56 respectively. Impressively, we gained a 10% jump in our overall student pass rate moving from 86% of students passing the MYP Certificate to an impressive 96% pass rate. Our subject results reflect these improvements with DIA having subject averages above world averages in 16 out of 21 subjects with a highly respectable subject average grade moving from 5.05 to 5.22 out of a total of 7 marks.

A final note of congratulations to our joint top achievers; Tamara Hassan Khudair, Candice Saxod and Sarah Sherif Khattab whom scored a highly commendable 52/56 points respectively. Congratulations again to the wonderful MYP results of the Class of 2018!

MYP	2018	2017	2016
Total students registered for MYP Certificate at DIA	72	92	93
Average score of MYP Certificate students at DIA	42	41	40
Average grade obtained at the school by candidates who obtained the certificate:	5.22	5.05	5.00
Average score of MYP Certificate students world-wide	Not Yet Available	35.75	35.5
Pass %age for MYP Certificate students at DIA	96%	86%	81%
Pass %age for MYP Certificate students world-wide	Not Yet Available	76%	68%
Highest score at DIA	52/56	54/56	51/56

Sean Kelly  
MYP Coordinator



**SARAH KHATTAB**  
**52/56**



**TAMARA KHUDAIR**  
**52/56**



**CANDICE SAXOD**  
**52/56**



**ZAID MAAYAH**  
**51/56**

MYP STUDENTS RECEIVE ASSESSMENT RESULTS



**ARYAN TOTAWAT**  
**50/56**



**STEFANIYA  
CHANDRAVANSA**  
**49/56**



**SHANAYA DIWAN**  
**49/56**



**VARUN KABRA**  
**48/56**



**JENNI KARPPINEN**  
**48/56**



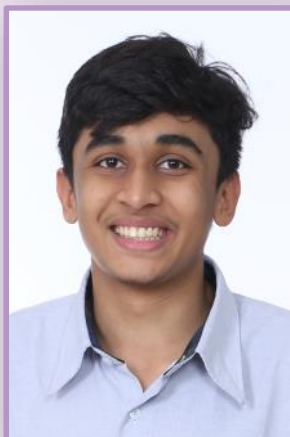
**AYUSH WALIA**  
**48/56**



**ANTON TONEV**  
**48/56**



**INES MARIE VIDAL**  
**48/56**



**RONIT KOTHARI**  
**48/56**



**ROWAN DE GEUS**  
**48/56**



**SOFIA PORTILLA**  
**48/56**

## COMPETITIVE SPORTS NEWS



Dear Parents and Students,

I would like to welcome all of you at the start of the 2018-2019 Academic Year.

The milestone achievement of being the **3<sup>rd</sup> Best Sports School in UAE by UAE Teen Sports & Fitness Awards**, still resonates. This outstanding accomplishment certainly puts DIA on the map as one of the best sports schools in the country which every should be proud of.

While we have had many successes in the past, I am confident we will achieve even better results in all of our programmes this academic year.

Please take some time to thoughtfully consider your participation in sports for the 2018-2019 year.

I would like to take this opportunity to give you some information about the seasons and upcoming sports try-outs and programmes.

### **Season 1 September 2018 to December 2018:**

Football U12 to U18 Boys and Girls; Swimming U12 to U18 Boys and Girls; Basketball U16 to U18 Boys and Girls; Cricket U16

### **Season 2 November 2018 to March 2019:**

Cross Country U12 to U18 Boys and Girls; Volleyball U14 to U18 Boys and Girls; Athletics U12 to U18 Boys and Girls; Cricket U18 Boys; netball U12 to u18 Girls; Tennis U12 to U18 Boys and Girls;

### **Season 3 March 2019 to June 2019:**

Basketball U12 and U14 Boys and Girls; Table Tennis U12 and U14 Boys and Girls; Badminton U12 and U14 Boys and Girls; Rounders

(\*U – under; U12 - under 12 years of age as of September 1st that school year etc.)

## SECONDARY SCHOOL SEASON 1 TRY-OUTS

### **Football**

#### **When:**

9th Sep 2018: U14 Boys (2:45pm-3:45 pm) – half field  
 9th Sep 2018: U14 Girls (2:45pm-3:45 pm) – half field  
 9th Sep 2018: U18 Boys ( 3:45pm-5:15pm) – whole field  
 10th Sep 2018: U14 Girls (2:45pm-3:45 pm) – half field  
 10th Sep 2018: U18 Girls ( 3:45pm-5:15pm) – whole field  
 11th Sep 2018: U12 Boys (2:45pm-3:45 pm) – half field  
 11th Sep 2018 U16 Boys ( 3:45pm-5:15pm) – half field  
 11th Sep 2018: U16 Girls ( 3:45pm-5:15pm) – half field  
 12th Sep 2018: U14 Boys (2:45pm-3:45 pm) – half field  
 12th Sep 2018: U12 Girls (2:45pm-3:45 pm) – half field  
 12th Sep 2018: U16 Girls (3:45pm-5:15 pm) – half field  
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**Where:** Football field

**Training commences in the week of 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

## SECONDARY SCHOOL SEASON 1 TRY-OUTS



### **Basketball**

#### **When:**

9th Sep 2018: U16 Boys (2:45pm-3:45 pm)

9th Sep 2018: U18 Boys ( 3:45pm-5:15pm)

10th Sep 2018: U16 Girls (2:45pm-3:45 pm)

11th Sep 2017: U18 Girls ( 6:30am-7:30am)

11th Sep 2018: U16 Boys (2:45pm-3:45 pm)

12th Sep 2017: U16 Girls (2:45pm-3:45 pm)

**Training commences in the week of 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

### **Swimming**

#### **When:**

10<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018: U12 Boys and Girls (2:45pm-3:45 pm)

11<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018: U14 Boys and Girls (2:45pm-3:45 pm)

12<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018: U16 and U18 Boys and Girls (2:45pm-3:45 pm)

**Where:** SS Swimming pool

**Training commences in the week of 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

### **Cricket**

#### **When:**

10<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018: U14 Boys (2:45pm-3:45 pm)

11<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018: U18 Boys (2:45pm-3:45 pm)

12<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018: U16 Boys (2:45pm-3:45 pm)

**Where:** Cricket nets

**Training commences in the week of 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

\* training schedules will be the same days and times as the try-out session

### **SPORTS INFORMATION, RESULTS AND SCHEDULES OF GAMES:**

Detailed lists of secondary school events and fixtures will be displayed on our school web page

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At Dubai International Academy we have talented young athletes who participate in a wide array of sports teams and events. Our goal is to help develop student talent and give every individual the opportunity for success.

Also, I would like to invite everyone to support our athletes throughout this sports season. We will be delighted to see you out there cheering on our teams.

I am looking forward to another successful sporting year ahead.

GO WOLVES!

Yours in Sport,

**Mihail G. Kouzev**

**Director of Sport & Activities**

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