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Secondary School Newsletter



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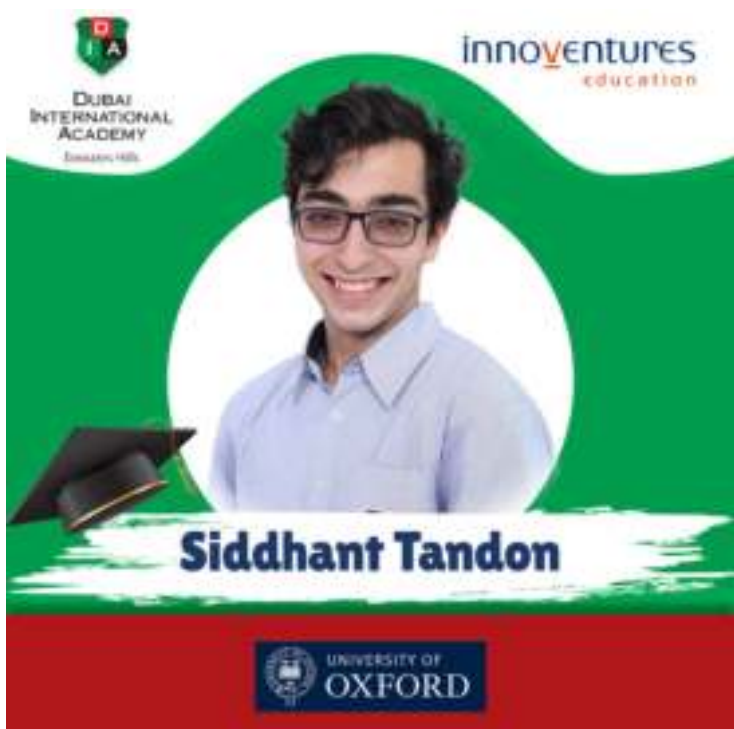
Head of Secondary Message



Hello all,

This has been a fast half term full of exciting opportunities for our students. From overseas trips to sports days to competitions and so much more.

While the teachers have been busy with marking, moderating and writing reports, our DP/CP students are busy applying and receiving offers from universities from around the world. Here are a few of what we have so far....



Key Information

Friday 10 February

Year 11 - 13 MR Report Published

Please access your child's reports via the iSAMS Parent Portal. If you have any technical issues, contact helpdesk@diadubai.com

Monday 13 February

Year 10 & 11 Movie Night

Join us for an evening of cinema in the quad, organized by our Cinemates students. Specific details send to Y10&11 via email.

Thursday 16 and Friday 17 February

Staff & Student Midterm Break

There will be no lessons for staff or students on these days. We hope to see all students back in lessons on Monday 20 February with their batteries fully charged!

Happy
Holidays!

Thursday 23 February

Personal Project Exhibition

Year 11 students will be showcasing their work on this core element of the MYP Programme. Year 11 parents will shortly receive an invitation via email to join us in the celebration.

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DONATIONS ARE CURRENTLY PROVIDING MEDICAL AID, FOOD, BLANKETS AND URGENT AID TO SURVIVORS, BUT MORE IS DESPERATELY NEEDED. WE ARE LAUNCHING AN APPEAL TO PROVIDE AID TO THOSE LIVING THROUGH THIS CRISIS.

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FOUR PAYMENT LINKS OF DIFFERENT DENOMINATIONS
HAVE BEEN ADDED TO YOUR ONLINE PAYMENT PORTAL.**

**OPTION 2
RED CRESCENT CHARITY BOXES WILL BE IN RECEPTION
COLLECTING PHYSICAL DONATIONS.**



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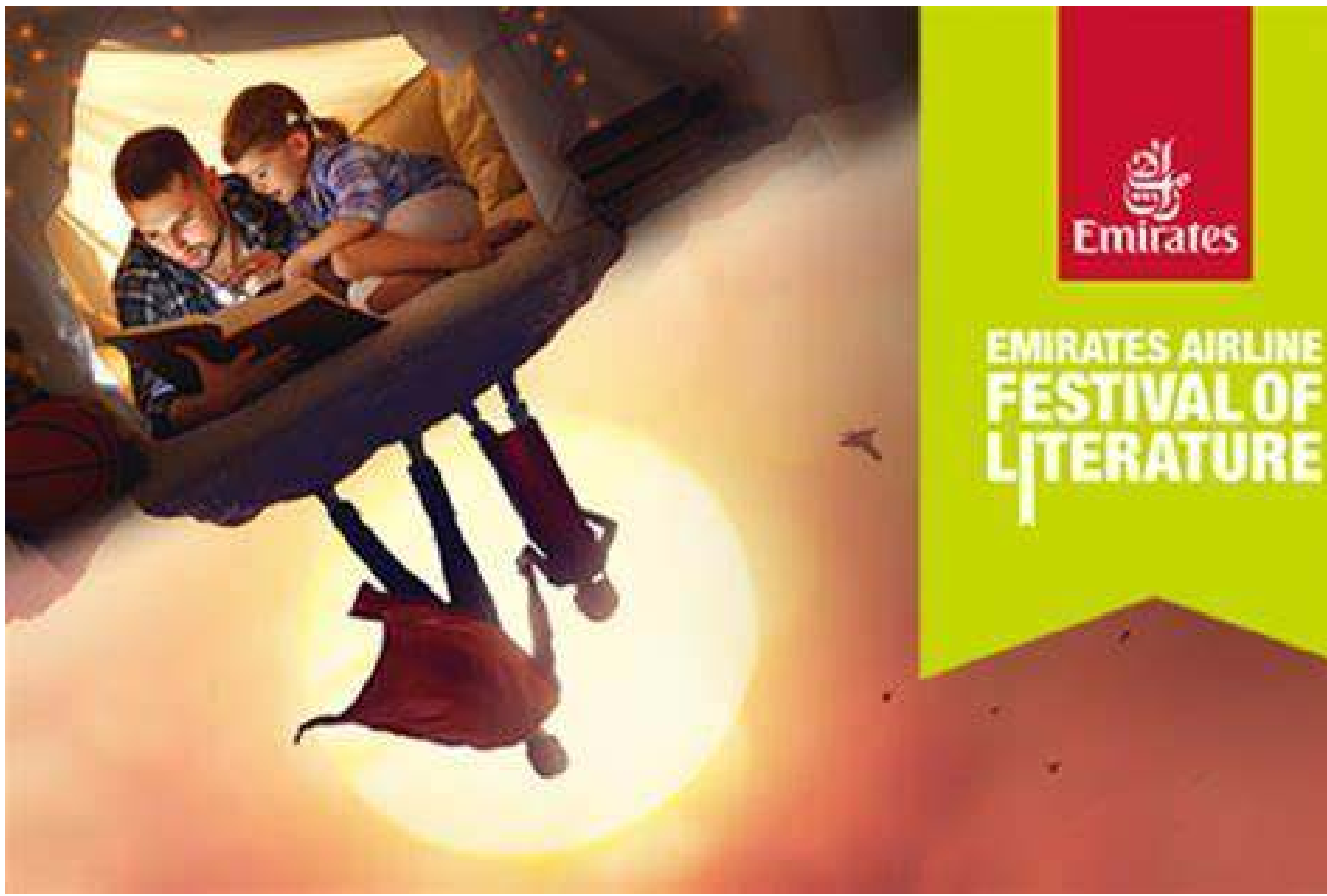
#Opportunity

Silver International Award
Practice Adventurous Journey 2022-23



#Opportunity

Emirates Airline
Festival of Literature
Chevron Readers' Cup



Varshitaa Prasad, an exceptional Year 12 student, was announced the winner of the Emirates NBD Poetry for All Competition, for the 14-18 age category, organized by the Emirates Literature Festival.

She was selected amongst 9 other finalists chosen from all the UAE schools participating.



FAIRSIDE STORIES

Cyborg Chase!

How far will you go to find a destructive cyborg at school?

DESIGNED WITH KIDS

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We are very excited to announce that the game created in cooperation with Dubai Police, Cyborg Chase, has officially been released on the Play Store, and should be out on the App Store any day.

Our selected students of Year 5-7 will be very happy to see this.

*Trailer:

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The Advanced Learning Program for High Ability (ALPHA) is designed to ensure select students are further nurtured and developed within their areas of gifts and talents. A careful internal selection process is followed to ensure students identified are able to meet the success criteria of the program and balance this with their ongoing academic and personal expectations.

The program aims to develop students through a variety of course texts specifically chosen for each year group and a schedule of seminars, on topics ranging from emotional intelligence to developing university application skills. The pupils are invited to partake in specific competitions, offered courses and internship opportunities, with the freedom to develop a completely new skill or expand their knowledge in any extra-curricular niche area of interest. Students are also invited to create an official social media post to be displayed on the school media, allowing them an opportunity to practice their digital literacy in a more professional setting.

DIA offers a rich breadth of student opportunities and the ALPHA program is an addition to this, aiming to harness the talents of our more gifted students. This is undoubtedly a challenging program, but the ALPHA students thrive on it!

So far, this year has been very eventful, with a range of opportunities that students have engaged with. We have had students learn what it means to be a third-culture citizen, design and create their own self-driving lunar rover as part of the new MakerSpace project, publish research papers, and launch their own websites and businesses. ALPHA students have competed in a wide range of competitions from essays to Olympiads, football tournaments, quizzes, debates, and everything in between. We have also had two ALPHA students participate globally at Yale University for the World Scholars Cup!



Mid Year Awards





Mid Year Awards



TEDx



The aim was to connect with our community with ideas, knowledge, and innovation. TEDxYouth aimed to cultivate cognitive thinking in students by exposing them to a variety of public speaking opportunities, training, and workshops. In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a program of local, self-organized event that brings people together to share a TED-like experience.



#Teaching&Learning

This week students in Years 7 - 9 completed an Interdisciplinary Project titled 'Mathletics'. Students were asked to apply skills from design, science, math, and PHE and apply both thinking and research skills in a creative way. Please see a brief task description below:

You are a recent graduate with a Sports Medicine Master's degree. You have been hired by DePuy Synthes as part of their Research and Development Division.

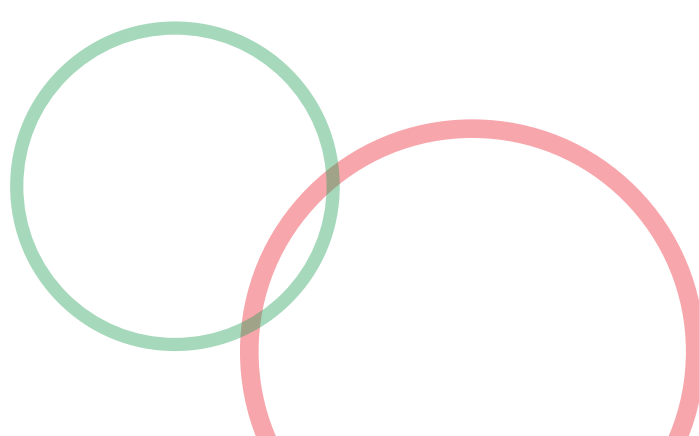
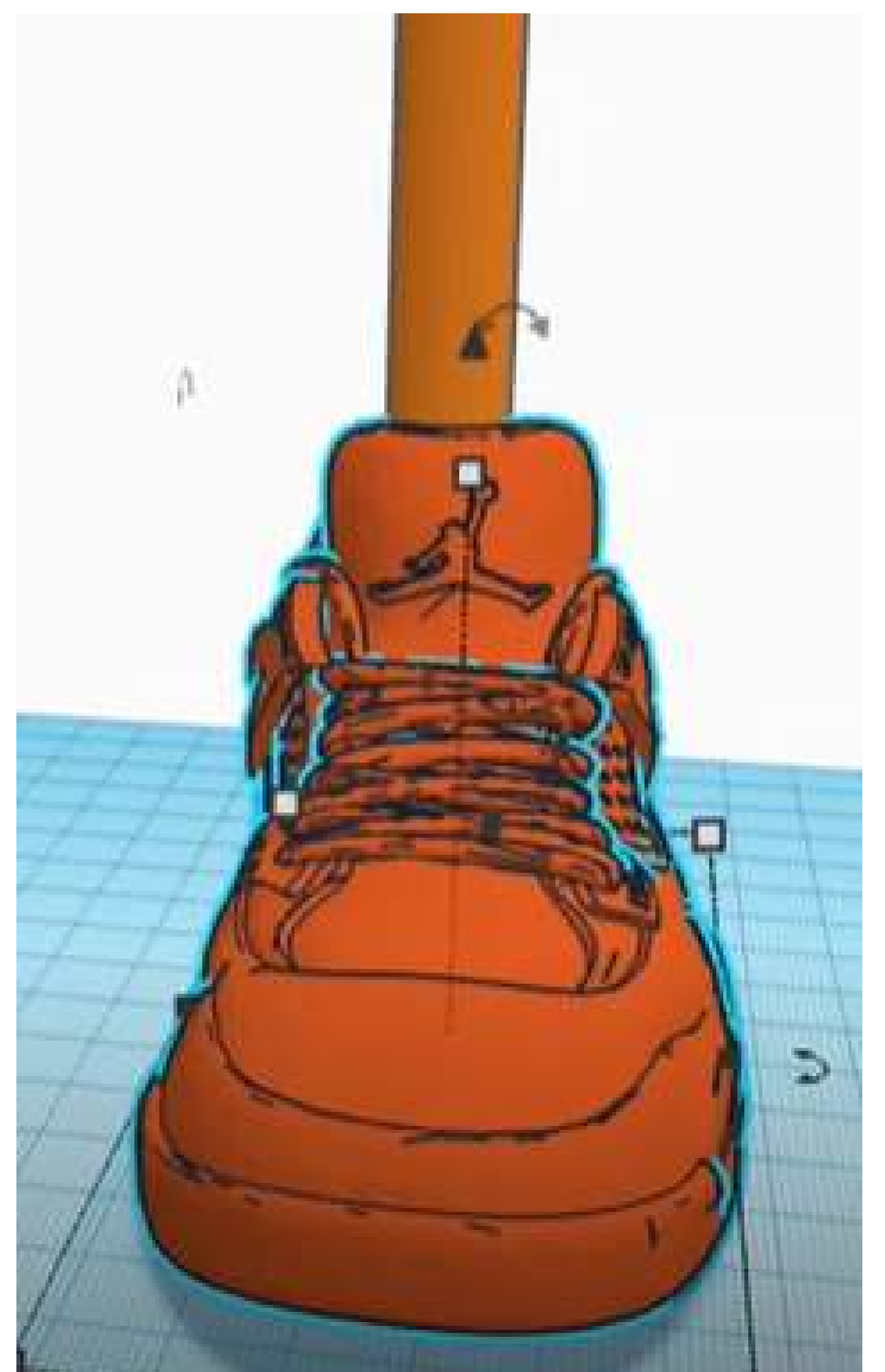
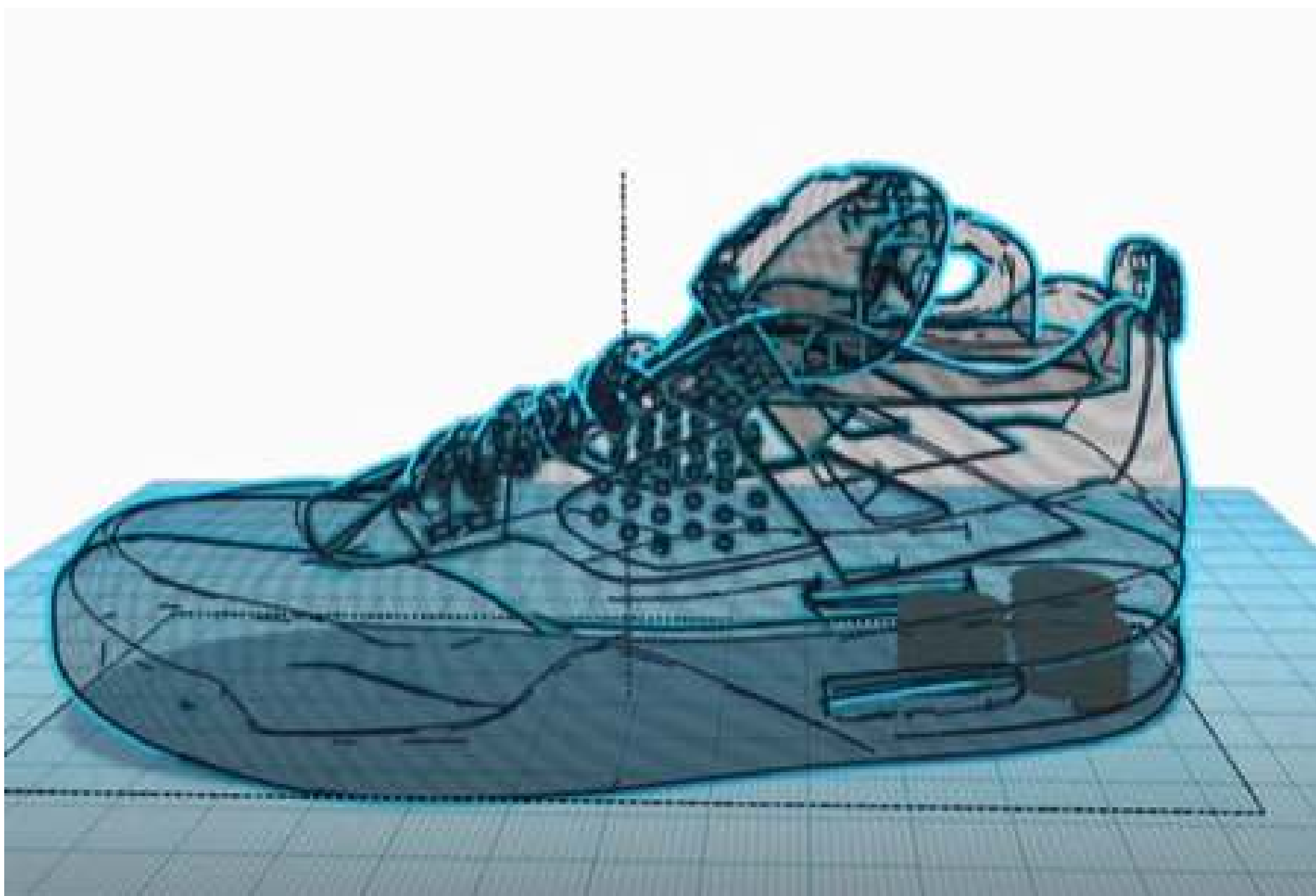
Your goal is to provide insight into an athletics running event (100m, 200m, or 400m). Your research will provide a foundation for the company's entry into post-surgery consultancy for professional athletes.

Your audience is the manager of the Sports Medicine Research and Development Wing, and the Johnson & Johnson board of advisors.

Your final product should provide an audio-visual model of your research, but the specific format is up to you.

The winning product will demonstrate strong research skills, flexible thinking, problem solving, inquiry, and the transfer of knowledge and skills across disciplines.

Congratulations to Irja Mirchandani, Ayaan Mandelia, Christoph Alphonse and Phillip Carolan for their winning design! (Pictured below).



Year 12/13 Movie Night



Year 13 Breakfast



#Wellbeing



Competitive Sport & PHE



Sports Days 2023





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DIA-EH Secondary PE Hall

PERSONAL PROJECT EXHIBITION

February 23rd 2023

9am - 2.10pm



International Day
17 March
4pm - 8pm



Let's celebrate diversity, cultures,
food, art, music & dance

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