



EMIRATES
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Secondary School Newsletter

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2022-2023





Head of Secondary Message

Hello all,

I hope this email finds you well and refreshed from the Eid break.

As I reflect on the last few weeks, I am wondering where the year has gone! Time really is flying by as our Year 13s have started their final IB examinations and Year 11s are due to begin very soon. Your support is crucial during this time. Encourage your children to stay focused and motivated, but also be there for them to provide emotional support and encouragement. If you have any concerns around how your child is coping with the examination pressure, please reach out to us at school.

We are finalising the Year 13 Graduation and other exciting activities for the end of the school year and will be informing parents over the coming weeks.

Thank you for all your support, have a fantastic week.

Michelle



Monday 01 May to Friday 19 May

Year 11 and Year 13 IB Examinations

Please be aware that our senior students in MYP and DP will be completing their official IB examinations. Wish them luck!

Monday 01 May to Friday 05 May

Year 11 Study Leave

Please be reminded that our Year 11s have a one-week study leave. We look forward to welcoming them back for their first eAssessment on Monday 08 May.

Thursday 4th May

Non-Uniform Day - Joy of Giving

Raising money to support the Indus Hospitals in Pakistan. AED 5 - please see page in this Newsletter

Friday 05 May

Year 7 - 9 CA2 Reports

All reports will be made available via the iSAMS Parent Portal. Please contact helpdesk@diadubai.com if needed.

Monday 08 May to Wednesday 10 May

Year 7-10 ACER ISA Testing

Please note that students will complete this KHDA external benchmarking test using their own devices during Periods 1-3 each day. Please see emails sent on Friday 28 April.

Wednesday 24 May

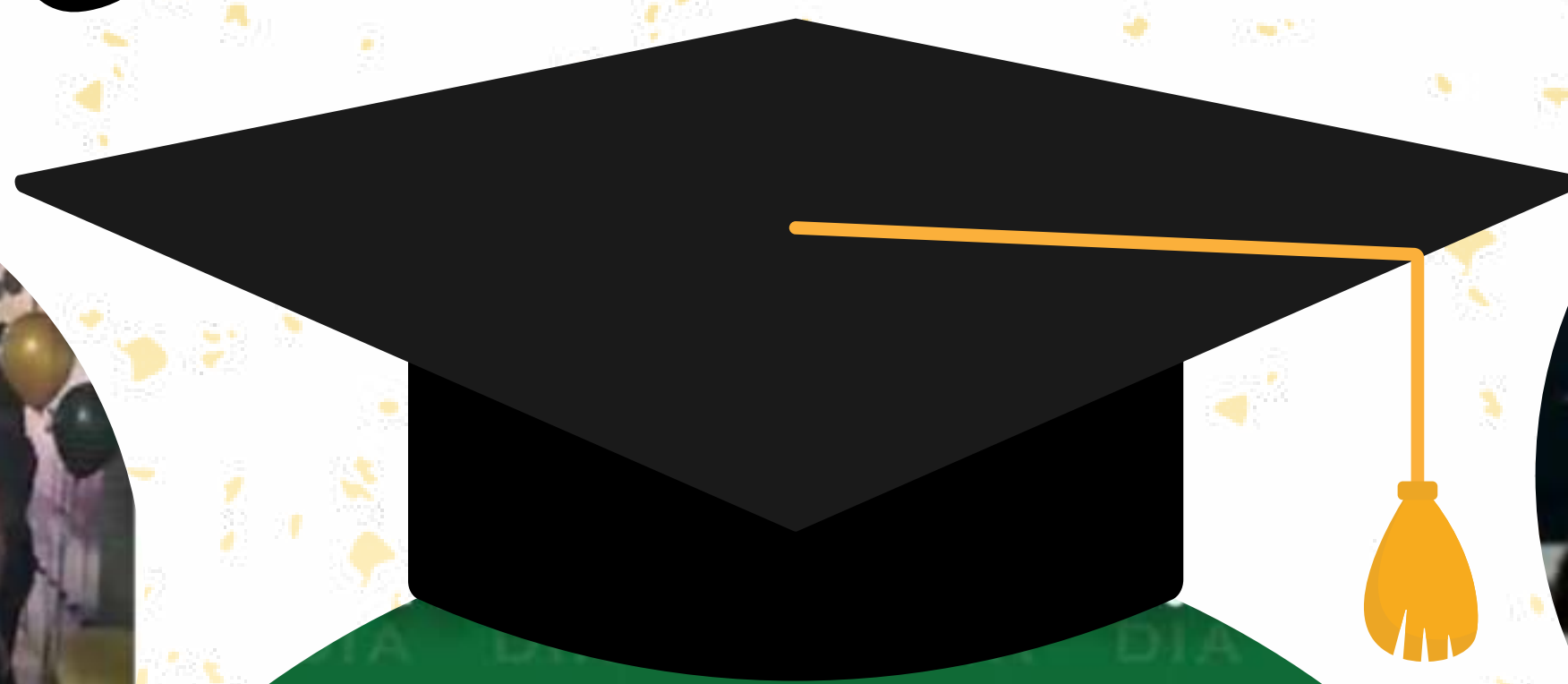
Year 11 Graduation

Please refer to email communication regarding rehearsals and any other requirements. Formal invitations will be sent in due course. The event will be held in the SS PE Hall at 09.00.



CLASS OF 2023

With a heavy heart we bid farewell to our Year 13 Cohort of 2023. We are so proud of your accomplishments and wish you the very best as you embark on your final exams



farewell



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WORLD ACADEMY

ROBOTICS COMPETITION WINNERS!

DRONES PROGRAMMING

STEAM INNOVATORS

ROBOT FOOTBALL



DIA On Top of the World!



Sanchi Singla of 9G scaled Everest Base Camp on 2nd April'23 at the age of 14. It's a strenuous 2-week trek at a height of 5364 mts with 50% oxygen levels and temperatures as low as -18 degrees.

An endeavor like this takes determination & perseverance and requires a great deal of physical and mental strength. As part of this trek, she raised DIA's flag on top of the Everest Base Camp rock. Sanchi is the youngest girl to scale Everest base camp from the school and one of the four youngest females from Dubai.

Sanchi trained tirelessly for 6 months including gym sessions, swimming, cycling, HIIT sessions, pranayama, etc. Though the training was very draining, she did not let that affect her academic results. We believe that an achievement like this personifies the values of DIA and hope that this will motivate other students to scale new heights!



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E-Waste Initiative



For World Environment Day, Going Green Dubai (initiated by Rishabh Mittal, Year 10) along with the Eco Club invites students, parents and the DIA community to participate in E-waste Recycling Drive, with Enviroserve as the recycling partner. Enviroserve is the Middle East and Africa's only integrated facility where all kinds of E-waste are processed inline with international standards. Smaller items like batteries, DVDs, mobiles, printers to bigger items like TVs, Washing Machines, Dishwashers and all electronics are included in this E-waste campaign. Be a part of Going Green Dubai and work towards a Greener Planet. Saving the Earth is a responsibility rather than a choice. Together We Can work towards Sustainability!!



Iftar Party

2023



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DIA-EH students win at the NYUAD Debate for High School Students!

Avni's team won the first place in the New York University Abu Dhabi's annual UAE High School Debate Tournament. Her team members were Erin from Dubai English Speaking College and Aanya from Nord Anglia School.

Nikunj Garg and his team won the third position of NYUAD Debate Union 2023 held in NYUAD Campus on 16th April 2023. Nikunj was also awarded with the second Best Speaker title for his individual performance in debates.





EMIRATES ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP



Five of our Year 10 students, Rishabh Mittal, Aryan Agarwal, Siya Sawhney, Begum Guntan and Xiuqi Zhao participated in Emirates Environmental Group's 23rd cycle of their annual Inter-school Environmental Public Speaking Competition. They were supported by Ms. Mahua Paul. The topic chosen was 'Dwindling Lakes, Diminishing Rivers; Addressing Freshwater Depletion'. Our students awed the audience and the judges with their innovative solution to the problem that they developed through an in-school scientific experiment. The competition was tough as there were 26 teams participating from across the UAE. However, our fabulous Team clinched the winner's trophy by delivering a powerful speech. This was indeed impressive as this was the first time ever that our school participated in the competition.



DIA Winners!

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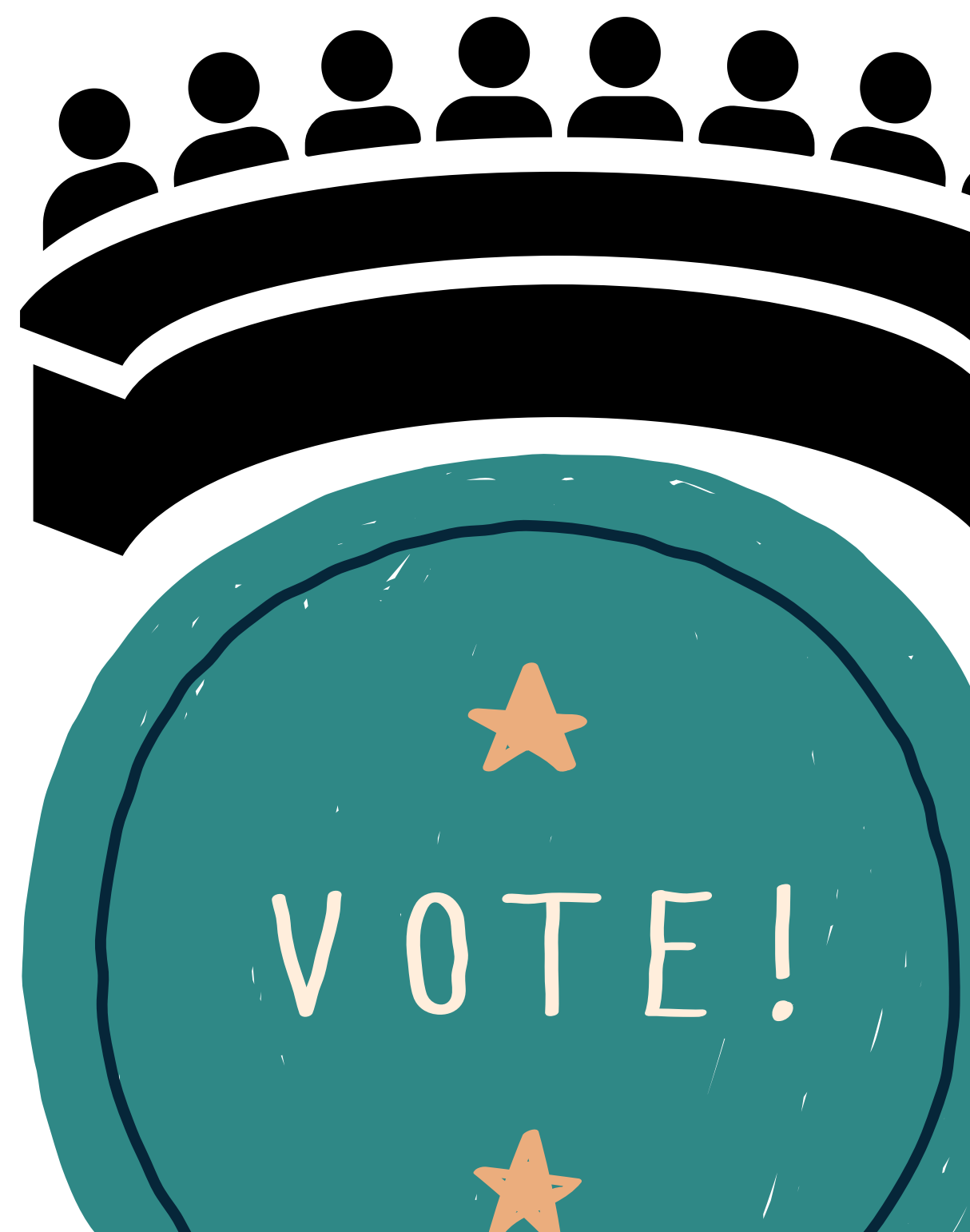
#Opportunity

Prefect Recruitment

This week the Year 12s had an assembly led by the Pastoral Team to initiate the Prefect Recruitment process. Our Head Girl, Jamie Simpson and Happiness Team member Kaashvi gave speeches to offer advice about suitable attributes students should possess and also the impact the Prefect role had on successful students leaders.

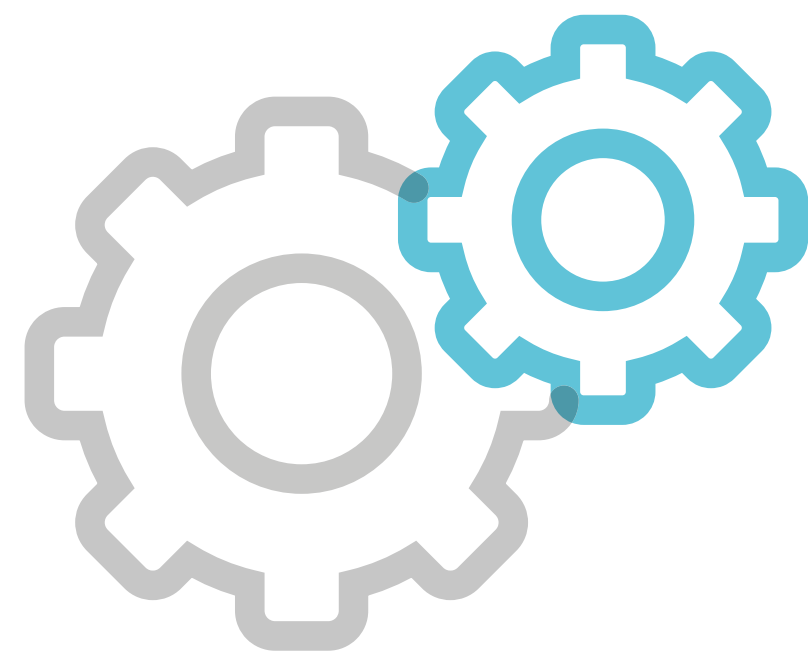


Prefect Investiture 19th June





Emerson Career Professional Presentations



Our DIA Community Database of professionals is making an impact!

Thanks to a co-worker/friend referral within our DIA network, our school was able to host career presentations across a wide spectrum of disciplines for our Year 10 students.



The most popular career field among students was Business, however we also offered Communications, Engineering, Finance, Technology, Product Design, and Hospitality. Professionals described the skills needed in their field, what their work environment is like, how they navigated their education options and employment decisions, and they also gave sound career counsel. Students saw videos, held hands-on examples of products, and asked questions about what their future might be.

Great thanks to Emerson Company, Dubai Institute of Design and Innovation, Trusity EdTech, A Loft Hotels, and Citibank for their support and engagement with our school community, and for impacting our students!





We are delighted to announce that Netra Venkatesh, a Year 12 student, has been chosen from 13,000 global applicants as a Finalist for the RISE program. RISE is a 1 billion USD program from the Rhodes Trust Oxford and the Schmidt Futures Foundation that aims to identify promising young people from across the world who make a difference. Netra was recognized for her work in Uganda via the non-profit she founded (www.spunkgo.com) From the 500 Finalists, 100 will be chosen as Global RISE winners, who will enjoy the lifelong benefits of the RISE program. DIA wishes Netra the best as she embarks on the final stage of this prestigious program.



If you have a story you want to share with the school community, please contact Michelle Puxty directly.



Across the world, vaping has become a popular trend among young people in recent years. As a school, it is important for us to work together with parents and students to ensure that the risks and consequences of this behavior are understood. Vaping involves the use of electronic cigarettes, or e-cigarettes, which heat up a liquid containing nicotine and other chemicals to produce a vapor that is inhaled. Many teens believe that vaping is a safer alternative to smoking cigarettes, but this is not necessarily the case. Due to the recent emergence of the products, the research is still in the very early stages. Most are showing that vaping can have serious health consequences for adolescents and moreover, adolescents who start vaping are often likely to try other tobacco products or drugs and may be more susceptible to addiction.

In Dubai, regulation and government guidelines have been established to deal with the risks inherent in e-cigarette usage. What we know at this point and into the future is that e-cigarettes will continue to fall under the authority of Federal Law No. 15 of 2009 of the UAE and thus be banned for sale to and usage by those under the age of 18 (with proof of age being a requirement for the vendor). E-cigarettes are authorized and regulated under UAE.S 5030:2018 – Electronic Nicotine Products (Equivalents of Traditional Tobacco Products).

In light of this, we will continue to treat e-cigarettes as we would any tobacco products and conduct checks of the premises, our students and their belongings should we have any concerns, or any reports come to our attention. Alongside this, disciplinary proceedings in the form of external suspension will ensue should a student be found in possession or in use of such items, and we will reserve the right to contact the authorities should we have any concerns regarding such products and their use.

As parents we would request that you familiarize yourself with the phenomenon of e-cigarette smoking (vaping) and its nature. It is an especially insidious type of activity as the e-cigarettes themselves may be shaped as everyday items like pens and flash drives, and the exhaled product itself may be fruit-flavoured and even invisible. As a school, we take the issue of vaping seriously, and we are committed to educating our students about the risks and consequences of this behavior via our homeroom programme. We encourage parents to work with us to address this issue and to help our students make healthy and informed choices.

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**DIA EMIRATES HILLS
PRIMARY & SECONDARY**

**UNIFORM
SALE**

**20AED/ITEM
CASH ONLY**

MONDAYS

8TH & 22ND MAY

5TH & 19TH JUNE

7:15AM-9AM & 2:30-3:30PM

LOCATION: CAFETERIA

NON UNIFORM DAY JOY OF GIVING THURSDAY, MAY 4TH



10,000

**CHILDREN IN PAKISTAN LOSE
THEIR CHILDHOOD TO CANCER
EACH YEAR, BUT YOU CAN HELP
CHANGE THAT.**

The Indus Hospital provide FREE, quality healthcare to millions of underprivileged patients, and runs solely on donations.

- Help us raise funds to treat children with cancer
- Donate 5 AED to support this cause
- Money will be collected during homeroom
- Respect cultural expectations around dress within UAE context





Training schedule - Term 3

BASKETBALL

- **Mondays**

- U14 Girls at 6:20am - 7:20am
- U14 Boys at 3:10pm - 4:10pm

- **Tuesdays**

- U12 Boys at 6:20am - 7:20am

- **Wednesdays**

- U12 Girls at 6:20am - 7:20am
- U14 Girls at 3:10pm - 4:10pm

- **Thursday**

- U14 Boys at 6:20am - 7:20am
- U12 Girls at 3:10pm - 4:10pm

- **Friday**

- U12 Boys at 6:20am - 7:20am

GAME EVENINGS

- Mondays - U12 Boys
- Tuesdays - U12 Girls
- Wednesdays - U14 Boys
- Thursdays - U14 Girls



*Main PE Hall / Outside courts during the exams

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Training schedule - Term 3

SWIMMING

- **Mondays**
- U13 to U19 Boys & Girls at 3:10pm - 4:10pm
- **Wednesdays**
- U13 to U19 Boys & Girls at 3:10pm - 4:10pm
*Main Swimming Pool



WATER POLO

- **Tuesdays**
- U15 Boys at 6:20am - 7:20am
- **Thursdays**
- U15 Boys at 6:20am - 7:20am
*Main Swimming Pool

GAME EVENINGS

- Wednesdays - U15 Boys



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Training schedule - Term 3

BADMINTON

- **Tuesdays**

- U13 to U19 Boys & Girls at 3:10pm - 4:10pm

*Main PE Hall

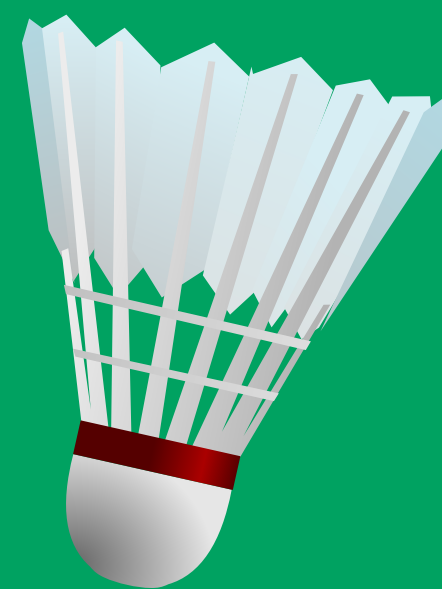


TABLE TENNIS

- **Mondays**

- U13 to U19 Boys & Girls at 6:20 am - 7:20 am

- **Wednesdays**

-U13 to U19 Boys & Girls at 6:20 am - 7:20 am

*Table Tennis Area



CRICKET

- **Mondays**

- U13 Boys at 3:10pm - 4:10pm

- **Wednesdays**

- U15 Boys at 3:10pm - 4:10pm

*Cricket Nets

GAME EVENINGS

- Tuesdays - U13 Boys
- Thursdays - U15 Boys



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Training schedule - Term 3

ROUNDERS

- **Tuesdays**
- U15 Girls at 6:20am-7:20am
- **Thursdays**
- U15 Girls at 3:10pm - 4:10pm

*Tennis courts / Net courts

GAME EVENINGS

- Wednesdays - U15 Girls



RUNNING CLUB

RUNNING

- **Fridays**
-U13 - U19 Boys & Girls at 6:20am-7:20am (Open to evbryone who would like to stay active)

*Meet on the field



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