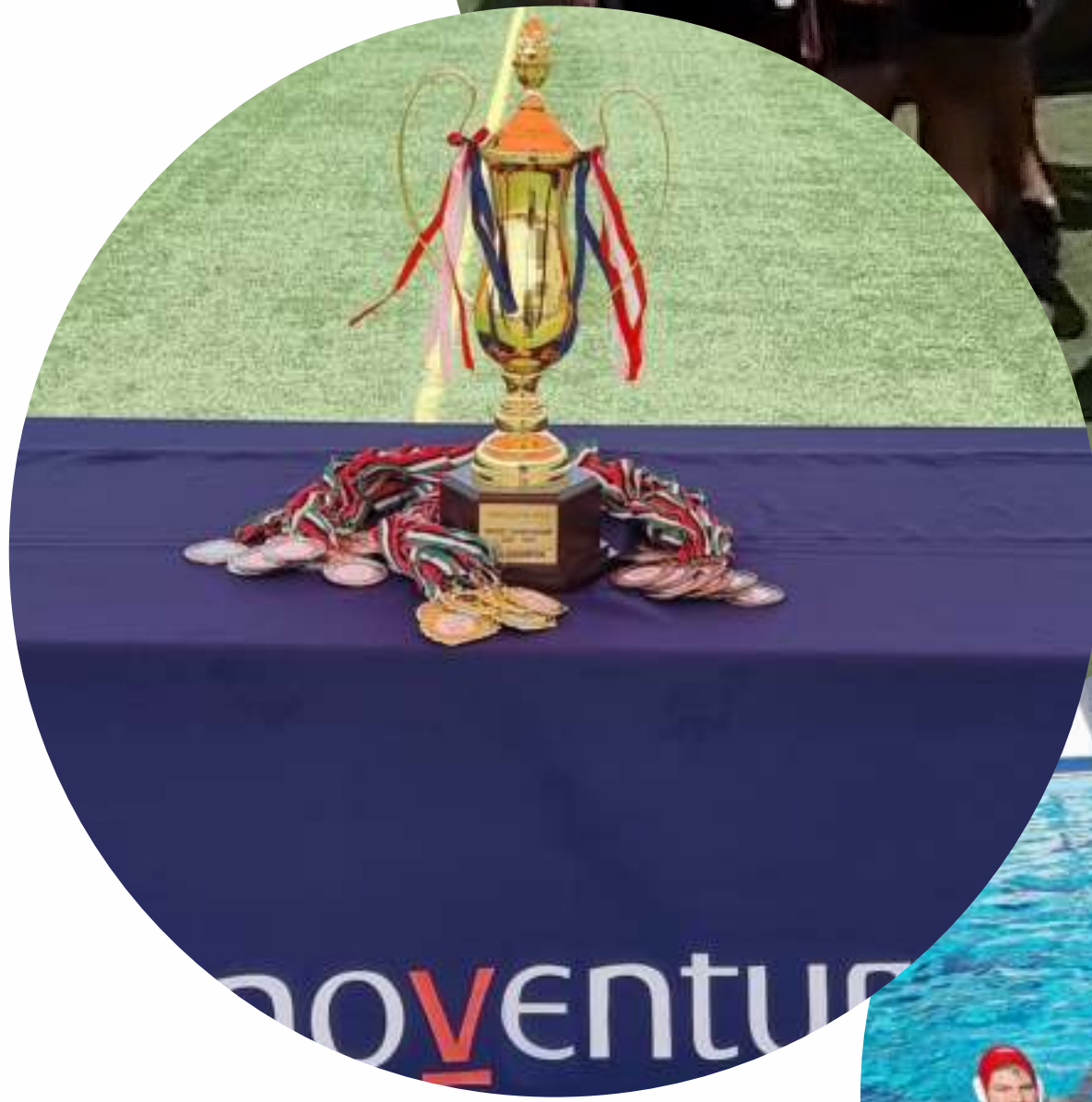




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Secondary  
School  
Newsletter



12 May 2023

2022-2023

# Head of Secondary Message

Hello all,

We hope this newsletter finds you well. I am excited to share with you some incredible news about the achievements of our students in the past two weeks. They have been taking part in various inter-school competitions and we're thrilled to announce that our students have won the art competition with their breathtaking pieces.

Our sports teams have also been performing incredibly well with our badminton teams, water polo teams, and cricket teams winning several matches and tournaments. We're proud of the hard work and dedication our students have put into their training.

Additionally, we're thrilled to see our girls taking part in STEM activities and competitions. It's amazing to see our students excelling in these areas and we're excited to see what they'll achieve in the future.

We're also excited to announce that for the first time, we have a student page written by one of our Year 12 students. We're proud of our students for taking the initiative to share their experiences and stories with the rest of the community.

As always, we're grateful for your support and we look forward to sharing more updates with you soon.



# Key Information

**Monday 01 May to Friday 19 May**

## **Year 11 and Year 13 IB Examinations**

Our senior students in MYP and DP will be completing their final week of official IB examinations. Wish them luck!

**Tuesday 23 May - 8.00am to 9.00am, Canteen Extension**

## **Parent Pastoral Session: Anxiety & Exam Stress Management**

Join our Secondary School Counselor, Ms. Saira, and our Head of Pastoral, Mr. Leacy, to learn more about how you can support your children during times of high stress and pressure.

**Wednesday 24 May - 9.00am - SS PE Hall**

## **Year 11 Graduation**

Parents of Year 11 students are invited to join us for a celebration of their child's journey in the MYP.

**Saturday 27 May - 4.30pm - JW Marriott Marquis Hotel**

## **Year 13 Graduation**

Parents of Year 13 students are invited to join us for a celebration of their child's journey in at DIA.

**Monday 29 May to Friday 09 June**

## **Year 11 Job Shadowing**

Our Year 11 students will have a two-week learning experience outside of the classroom.

**Thursday 25 May & Friday 26 May**

## **Year 12 Study Leave**

Our Year 12 students will have a two-day study leave.

**Monday 29 May to Friday 09 June**

## **Year 12 Final Exams**

Our Year 12 students will complete their exams - all the best!

**Friday 02 June to Friday 09 June**

## **Year 10 Final Exams**

Our Year 10 students will complete their exams, beginning with Mathematics and Arabic on Friday 02 June.

# Innovents



## Art Competition Winners

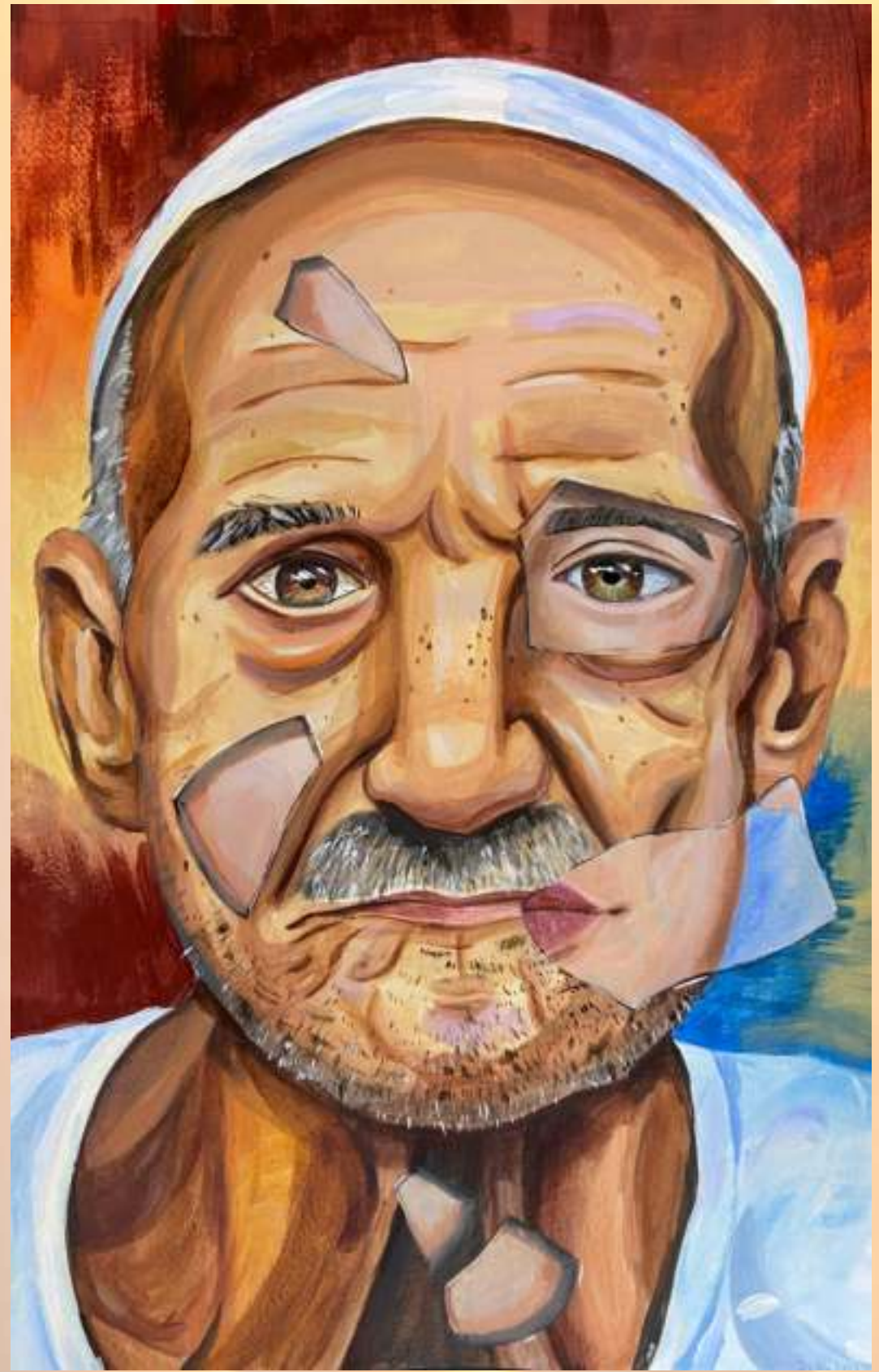
The Innovents Art Competition is a highly anticipated yearly celebration that showcases the creativity and artistic talents of students from all Innoventures schools. This year's edition offered our students a unique opportunity to explore a diverse range of themes that reflect their interests and personal experiences. From Wellbeing to Metamorphosis, Humans and Nature to Friendship, Fantasy, and more, the competition provided a platform for students to express themselves and showcase their skills in different categories.





Our Secondary School Art students rose to the occasion, submitting a diverse range of artworks that demonstrated their mastery of different techniques and mediums. From stunning 3D sculptures to breathtaking photography, thought-provoking video art, and innovative digital creations, the artworks showcased the incredible talents of our students.





After much deliberation, the judges from Innovents, announced the winners of this year's competition.

1st place 3D artwork - Mia Aboul-S. - Y13 (Art)

1st place Photography Y8-10 - Alaira S (Media)

1st Place Photography Y11-13 - Shin Young Park - Y11  
(Art)

2nd Place Photography - Yukta G. - Y13 (Art)

1st Place Video Art - Neel Gopal - Y10 (Media)

1st Place Video Art - Aymi A. - Y13 (Art)

1st Place Digital Art - Paula S - Y12 (Art)

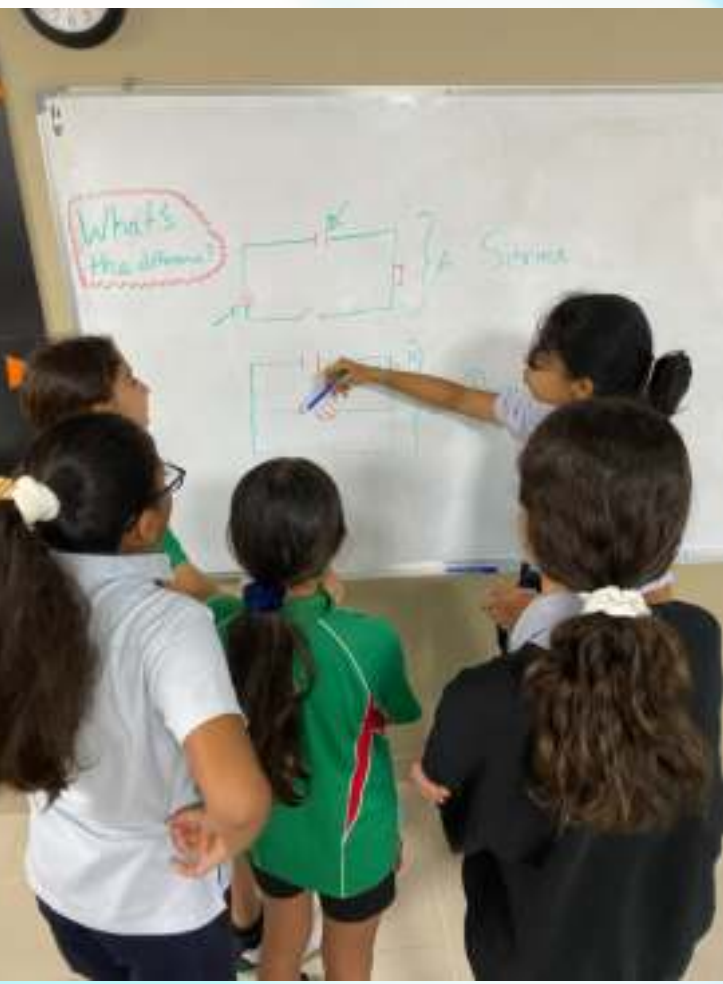
2nd Place Digital Art - Ezekiel P. - Y10 (Art)

2nd Place 2D Artwork - Paula S - Y12 (Art)

# DIA FEMSTEM Day

We are delighted to announce that the DIA Girls' STEM Day 2023 was a huge success! On Friday 12th May, our Year 7 to 9 FemPower students created a STEM fair that showcased their impressive scientific and technological knowledge through their own experiments and demonstrations. Nominated Year 6 girls, chosen for their interest and aptitude in STEM-related learning, had a blast exploring the different exhibits and learning from the older students. The experiments were interesting and varied: electric circuits; edible DNA and stellar constellations (with sweets!); reactions with volcanoes and fire snakes; layering liquids; and making ice cream! The highlight of the day was the science bake-off challenge, where students from all year levels worked together to create delicious treats using scientific principles. It was wonderful to see the girls working collaboratively and applying their knowledge in a fun and creative way. We hope that this event has inspired our students to pursue their passions in STEM and become future leaders in the field.

*The winning creation: Lemon Yoghurt Muffins! By Sumin Im, Yasmine Brair, Gabriela Casanova Chaves, Emma Geoghegan and Innaya Rashid.*



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# INNOVENTURES MATHEMATICS PLC



Our Mathematics HL teachers from all Innoventures schools came together to discuss all things Maths! Collaboration and sharing best practice.

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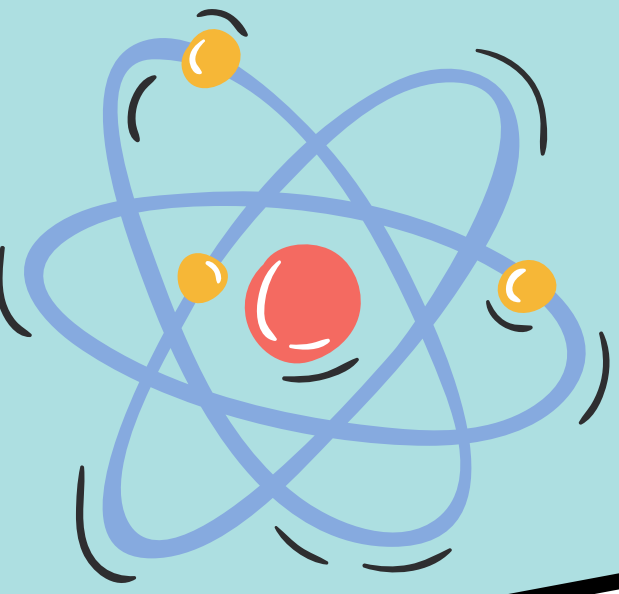
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# OPPORTUNITIES

HEAR FROM THE STUDENTS!!!

## @DIA

By Hana Nourian



### Curtin University Dubai STEM Challenge!

Both categories of students (schools and universities) were challenged to gather teams of five and put their knowledge and skills to the test by answering questions and solving problems. The students from schools competed against fellow schools, while universities competed against fellow universities.



left to right: Erik Odman, Loay Nasseridin, Varshitaa Prasad, Samarth Gupta and Hana Nourian

"I feel like there is a particular focus on student participation, and pushing students outside of their boundaries to challenge them, and excel in new causes. As a STEM student, the school has helped me find new communities in the field, and participate in multiple competitions, including the Curtin STEM Challenge. These competitions have provided me with the opportunity to showcase my skills and knowledge in various areas of STEM, including robotics, coding, and science.

Additionally, there is a particular focus and initiative taken on by teachers as well, to really help guide students in all their pursuits. I really appreciate how supportive the school has been!"

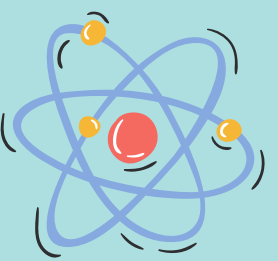
## "Wouldn't have known about it if it weren't for DIA..."

-Samarth Gupta

"As a new student, joining DIA has been an exciting and new experience. The teachers show strong compassion towards the students and provide assistance in many ways. Additionally, the vast cultural inclusion has allowed me to meet so many unique and diverse people. The atmosphere is so **vibrant** and **energetic** and the different **house activities** that are **organized by the students** further enhance the school spirit. From my short time at DIA, I'm sure I'll continue to grow and flourish. I won't only **dream** and **inspire** but I'll also **achieve** anything I believe I can."



DIATECH robotics competition





# E-Waste

For World Environment Day, Going Green Dubai (Initiated by Rishabh Mittal, Year 10) along with the Eco Club invites the DIA community (Parents, Students, Teachers) to participate in the

E-waste Recycling Drive. Please collect and dispose all electrical items like batteries, clocks, DVD's, mobiles, printers, cables, keyboards, iPad, kitchen appliances in the E-waste Recycling Bins placed at school and support this initiative of proper disposal, recycling and reuse of E-waste. There are bins at the front and back of the school.

Together the DIA community can make a difference for a Greener Planet!

Please follow @going.greendubai (Instagram) for updates.





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# PASTORAL SESSION

## ***Adolescent Mental Health***

### ***Managing Exam Stress & Anxiety***



The Pastoral Team of DIA-EH would like to invite all secondary school parents to a pastoral session lead by Rima Abboud, M.A from Wise Mind Center, Dubai.



**Rima Abboud, M.A**

*Clinical Psychologist*

*Children, Adolescents  
& Adults*

*As part of her work at Wise Mind Center, Rima specialises in providing support to children and adolescents struggling with educational, cognitive, emotional, and/or social difficulties.*

#### **Date**

Tuesday 23rd May

#### **Time**

8am - 8:50am

#### **Venue**

SS Presentation Hall



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*Class of 2023*

# GRADUATION

C E R E M O N Y

GRADUATION  
CELEBRATION FOR CLASS

**27TH MAY SATURDAY**

JW Marriott Marquis Hotel

Dubai Ballroom

Refreshments and canapés 4.30-5.15pm

Ceremony will commence at 5.30pm

Event will close at 8.30pm

2023

**#Community**



**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

# Competitive Sport & PHE



*Fantastic start for our competitive teams at DASSA Term 3 Sports*



**U15 Boys Cricket  
Innoventures Education Champions**



**Badminton Team Overall  
DASSA Champions**



**U15 Girls Softball Team**



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# Competitive Sport & PHE



*Fantastic start for our competitive teams at DASSA Term 3 Sports*



**U12 Girls Basketball Team**



**Aquathlon Team**



**U14 Girls Basketball Team**



**U12 Boys Basketball Team**



**Table Tennis team**



**Aquathlon Team**

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# Competitive Sport & PHE



***Sports Awards Gala Ceremony***

***Tuesday 13 June 2023 17:00***

***Secondary school PE hall***

**Please RSVP by Friday 19 May 2023**

**here: <https://forms.office.com/r/f7pBzkz5x9>**

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## 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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