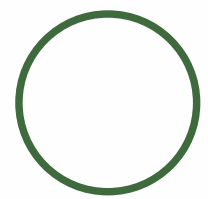
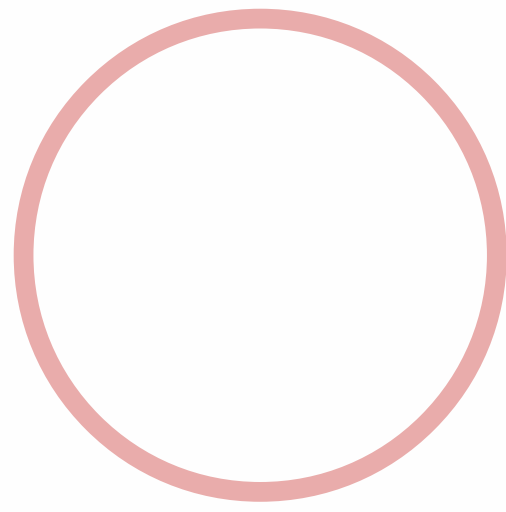




EMIRATES
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FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL



Secondary

School

2022-2023

DUBAI
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Head of Secondary Message



Dear all,

What a week! It has been such a pleasure to see all the students back in school. There has been such a buzz of excitement on campus. Teachers have been working hard to get their classrooms sparkling and ready to welcome their students in.

The team has been working hard on ensuring the new students settle and enjoy their new school and I had the pleasure to meet the students at the start of the week and checked in with them at the end of the week to see how it has gone. We used this meeting to answer any questions and collect feedback on how we can help them to settle more in the coming weeks. We have also been training the Student Friendship Ambassadors to support this transition into the new school and ensure every new student has a friend to turn to.

Although we were working hard throughout the summer to ensure a perfect start, this week hasn't been without a few blips which the team identified and acted quickly to resolve, with the support of the Student Leadership Team.

For example, we will be introducing a new system to support the transition between lessons as the easing of the Covid 19 restrictions has resulted in the need for new routines to be established.

All in all, it has been a wonderful week and looking forward to having the opportunity to meet you all at the information evenings this week.

Warmest regards,
Michelle Puxty
Head of Secondary



This week in picture

CLASSROOMS



This week in picture

LEARNING





Claire Inglis

Deputy Head Academics

Meet the Team

It is a privilege and an honour to help contribute in the nurturing of students to become industrious, empowered and happy life-long learners. I am a passionate about innovation in education and endeavour to embolden students to reach beyond their expectations and establish a range of life-skills which will equip them beyond academia and foster their development as global citizens. I have been an educator for over twenty years working in a range of international schools centering on the British and International Baccalaureate curricula. Furthermore, I have held a number of leadership posts including: Head of Department, Examinations Officer and Curriculum Coordinator, as well as DIA's Lead Practitioner helping to enhance Teaching and Learning across the Secondary School.

It is my intention to ensure our students are afforded opportunities to collaborate and enrich their independent learning skills, think critically, strategize and engage in project-based learning. To procure such ends, I believe it is imperative to create a culture of accountability, alongside high academic and moral standards. Furthermore, for means of intervention, I intend to carefully use data capture to help evaluate progress and attainment to ensure necessary adjustments are made in order to effectively deliver content, enhance skills and ensure our students are reaching beyond international standards. Consequently, I inherently believe each student's educational journey matters and should be governed by principles such as equity, challenge, enrichment and well-being.



Michael Norton

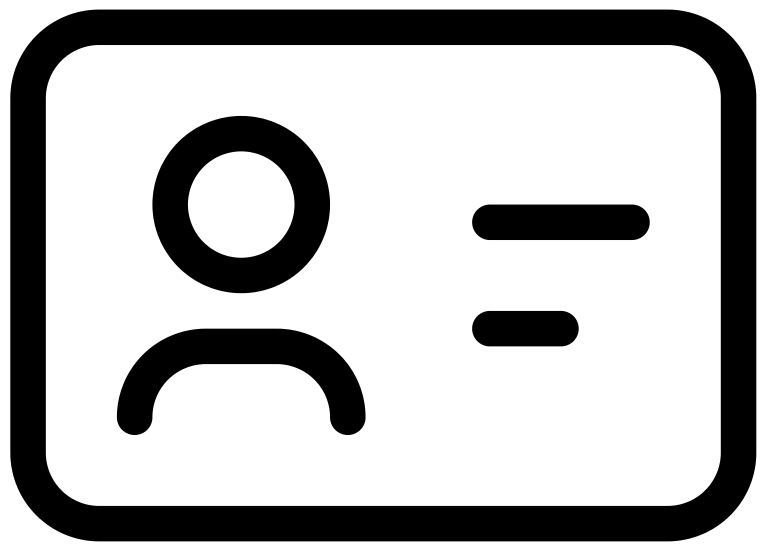
Deputy Head Academics

Meet the Team

It is a pleasure to introduce myself to the DIA Emirates Hills community and to the wider Innoventures Education group. My name is Michael Norton and I am excited to join you as one of the Deputy Heads working in the secondary school. I am originally from Canada (just south of Toronto), but moved to England after the completion of my HBA and BEd degrees. I spent seven amazing years in England – I met my wife while living in the south of England and both of my children were born there. This is my seventh year in the UAE and Dubai is truly becoming a city that my family call home. (You could say that I become less and less Canadian as the years go by!)

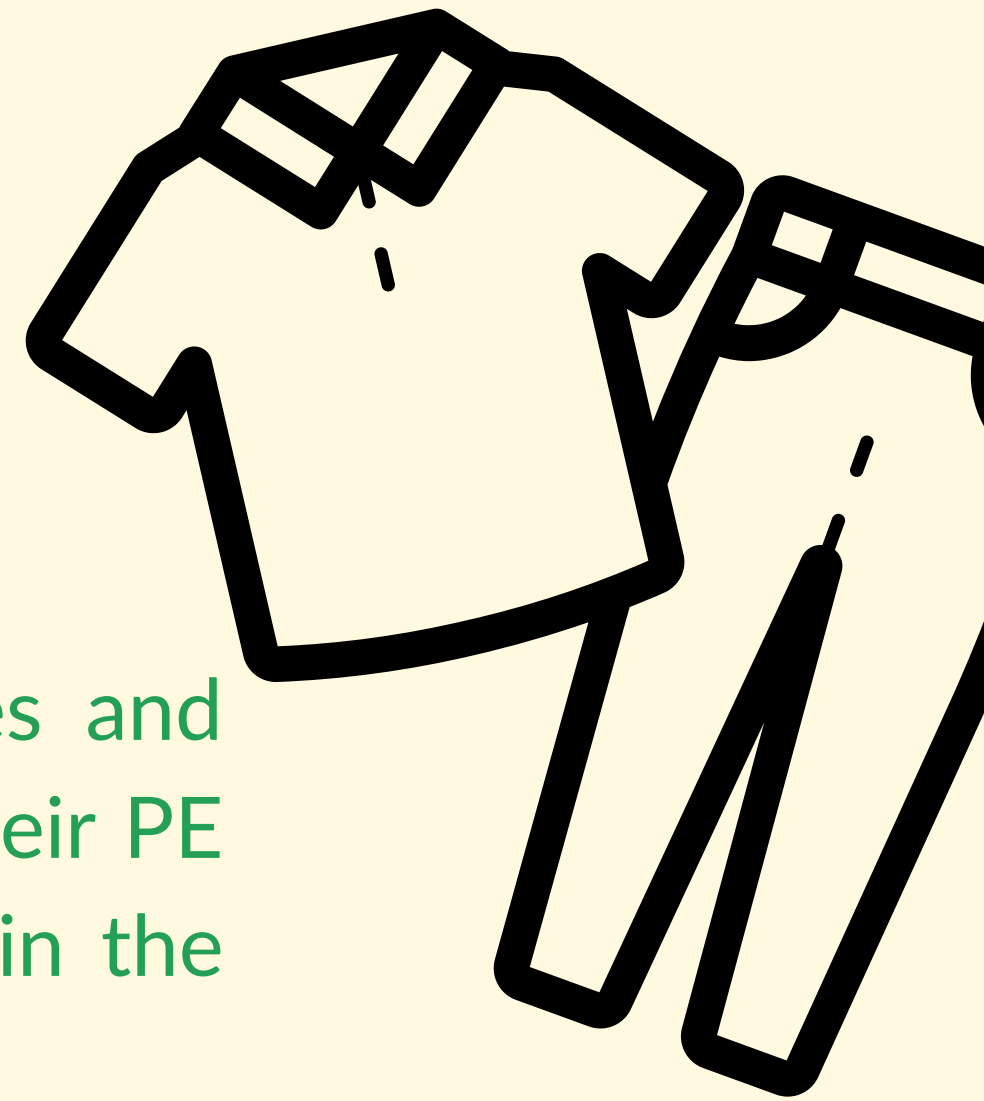
I began my career as an English teacher, and have held various leadership roles along the way. I am joining you from another IB continuum school in Dubai where I was responsible for coordinating the teaching, learning, and assessment across the secondary school. My specific remit at DIA will be to oversee grades 7 to 11, working closely with the Middle Years Programme teachers and leaders to ensure that each and every student reaches their full potential. One of our whole school priorities this year is to continue to develop strong ties with our community and I hope to meet and build relationships with each one of you as the year progresses.

Key Information



ID Registration for School meals

The registration of the student IDs to enable them to top up their ID cards online and to make purchases at the cafeteria will take place from the 5th to 7th September 2022. A dedicated counter will be set up in the cafeteria from morning to facilitate this. The students will only need to bring their IDs to the registration counter to complete the process.



Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform. Shoes should not have white soles and logos. Students in Years 7 - 9 should bring their PE kit and store in the locker and get changed in the lesson.

You can now join us in-school!

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

Year 7	Monday September 05
Year 8&9	Tuesday September 06
Year 10	Thursday September 08
Year 11	Monday September 12
Year 12	Wednesday September 07
Year 13	Tuesday September 13

Time: 5.30 - 6.30pm
Location: Presentation Hall



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**If you have any questions
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