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Newsletter



30 September 2022

2022-2023

Head of Secondary Message



Dear all,

This week's newsletter is all about opportunities. You will see information on the Local Camps, the amazing Space Camp 2101, Edfundo financial literacy courses and other opportunities for our school community. We have an exciting Year group trip email coming out this week too and will be looking for parent chaperones for support - check your inbox this week. And we are busy putting the final details together for the international trips for next term!

It has been great to see the PADIA coffee mornings are in full swing across all Year groups in school. Their events calendar will be released shortly. You should have had an email with contact details of the parent responsible for each Year level and you can reach out to these if you want to become more involved.

As a Leadership Team, we are currently working on issues raised from the misuse of social media and platforms such as Snapchat, WhatsApp and discord. We will be cracking down on phones being out in school over the coming weeks and ask for your support with this.

Hope you are having a lovely weekend,

Warmest regards,

Michelle Puxty
Head of Secondary





Join our exclusive presentation from NASA Astronaut Cdr Susan Kilrain & NASA Scientist Dr Michaela Musilova about their time in NASA, space & much more.

WELCOME TO THE SPACE PROGRAM



CDR SUSAN KILRAIN
NASA Astronaut



**DR. MICHAELA
MUSILOVA**
NASA Scientist

**THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 20TH
4.30PM-5.15PM**

**1 FREE PLACE EXCLUSIVELY FOR
PARENTS FOR EVERY STUDENT
SIGNED UP TO SPACE 2101. TICKETS
ARE EMAILED AUTOMATICALLY AFTER
STUDENTS ENROLLMENT**

BOOK NOW



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2022-23 Whole School Priorities

Opportunity



Family Financial Education and Money Management App

- Learning Courses:** Money Basics (4 Modules) and Earning (6 Modules). Encourage Learning: Using the app gives your child real-life experiences, tips, tales and workshops!
- Saving Goals:** Buy a PS5 (Goal: 25 Apr 2022). 1400 / 2450 AED. 75%. Setting saving pots and goals: You can help motivate your child's positive relationship with earning and saving, as well as guide spending.
- Digital Payments:** Buy with Google Pay, Pay with Apple Pay. Google Pay & Apple Pay: Providing you a convenient way to pay.
- Spending Analytics:** Line graph showing spending over time (Jan to Jun). Spending analytics/notifications: The Edfundo App ensures all activity is captured 'in-the-moment'.
- Instant Transfers:** Transfer to Rashid (AED 20), Nagma (AED 48), and Khalid (AED 15). Instant transfers & automatic allowances: Add money to your child's account in an instant - No matter when or where.
- Task Management:** Saeed's Tasks: Get groceries (15 AED), Clean car (20 AED). Add task. Setting tasks: Set tasks for your child and provide the opportunity to earn more.

Scan here



Edfundo Parent Information Session

Wednesday 05 October | 17:00 | Online

Join us to learn more about Edfundo, an interactive platform that teaches students about financial literacy.



FOR YEARS 7-9



GREEN CLASSROOMS

The Eco Club are initiating an activity where we give each homeroom a "**Pothos Plant**".

It is now **YOUR** responsibility to take care of the plant and make sure you give the required nutrients to the plants!
FROM OCTOBER TO NOVEMBER



Point System:

If someone buys a new plant = 5 points
If the plant is sustained for a week = 10 points

Information guide:

Pothos Plants is one of the top houseplants for improving indoor air quality, making home and office environments cleaner.

How to maintain:

Give a good amount of water.
Provide sunlight.
Make sure there is adequate amount of air for the plant.

**Winning homeroom will get a
PIZZA PARTY!**

2022-23 Whole School Priorities

Opportunity

- **Local Camps (28 – 30 Nov, 2022): Open to all students in Years 7 to 11**
- **IB retreat (28 – 30 Nov, 2022): Open to all students in Years 12**



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[for the link](#)

Our Teaching & Learning Team

Head of Teaching and Learning and Lead Practitioner:
Renda Kayali

DIA's Teaching and Learning team model excellent practice, sharing their skills and experience with other teachers. Their role as a team is to develop, implement and evaluate policies and practice in their workplace that contribute to school improvement. This might include:

- Coaching, mentoring and induction of teachers.
- Disseminating materials and advising on practice and research.
- Assessment and impact evaluation, through demonstration lessons and classroom observation.
- Supporting the school or groups of schools in provision of high-quality schemes of work.



Teaching and Learning Members: Patricia Anna De Felice, Katherine Ann Beswick, Veronica Richards, Rohanna Ruth Hymers, Mahua Paul, Mina Lukovic, Zeina Kazak, Saira J Nazir, Neetu Rathore, Asha Wadhvani Karam, Reda Al Ashmawey, Stephen Cleary, Andrew Patrick Hanlon.

Competitive Sport & PHE



We are very excited about the commencement of the DASSA competitive sports leagues, events and fixtures on Monday 3 October 2022.

All upcoming events, fixtures the results here:
www.diadubaisport.com

News and sport stories here:

Instagram: DIA Dubai Sport -
www.instagram.com/diadubaisport/

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Twitter: Sports | DIA Emirates Hills (@DIA_Sports) -
https://twitter.com/dia_sports



GO WOLVES!



Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs)

Fantastic couple of weeks of great and engaging CCAs programmes where students love learning outside of the classroom.



Meet the Team



We know that things are going to happen in school, at home, or with friends which may impact your wellbeing.

If you find that you need any additional support, please reach out to the people who are dedicated to helping with this.

WHO TO GO TO IF YOU NEED SUPPORT?



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Go to the final pages of this newsletter to find email addresses!



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Head of Year 7



Ms. Dowling
Head of Year 8



Mr. Cleary
Head of Year 9



Mr. Tyagi
Head of Year 10



Ms. Meehan
Assistant Head of Year 10



Mr. Aboaja
Head of Year 11



Mr. Toma
Head of Year 12



Mr. Murphy
Assistant Head of Year 12



Mr. Murphy
Head of Year 13

Key Information

New Parent IT Information Session

Tuesday 04 October | 07:45 | Presentation Hall

Join us to learn more about two important online platforms: Managebac and iSAMS.

Australian University Fair

Tuesday 04 October | 13:40 | Presentation Hall

Join us to learn more about university applications to Australia, including representatives from University of Melbourne, University of Sydney, and Queensland University.

Canadian University Fair

Wednesday 05 October | 10:00 | Presentation Hall

Join us to learn more about university applications to Canada, with a large number of university representatives in attendance.

Edfundo Parent Information Session

Wednesday 05 October | 17:00 | Online

Join us to learn more about Edfundo, an interactive platform that teaches students about financial literacy.

Half-day for Students

Thursday 06 October | 12:35 Dismissal

Students will be dismissed at 12:35 and staff have professional development activities in the afternoon.

DON'T FORGET

Year Level Parent Focus Groups

08:00 - 09:00 Each Day | Presentation Hall

Join us to meet with other parents and the relevant Head of Year.

Year 7 - Monday 10 Oct.

Year 8&9 - Tuesday 11 Oct.

Year 10 - Wednesday 12 Oct.

Year 11 - Thursday 13 Oct.

Year 12&13 - Friday 14 Oct.

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Staying Safe

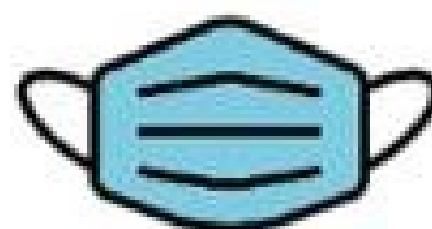
Key standards for Private schools in Dubai



Those who test positive for Covid 19 must isolate for 5 days



Compliance with safety standards of Dubai government authorities is compulsory



Face masks are no longer mandatory



Close contacts without Covid 19 symptoms are not required to isolate



Regular cleaning and sanitisation is recommended

Who should I contact?

A guide to help streamline Year 7 communication.



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A guide to help streamline Year 8 communication.



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Who should I contact?

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Who should I contact?

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