



**DUBAI
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Emirates Hills



*Secondary
School
Newsletter*
*Friday December 12
2022-2023*



Head of Secondary Message



Dear all,

A full term is now completed and I just wanted to say a huge thank you to the DIA community. It has been humbling to witness the support that has been provided through kind words and wonderful constructive feedback. It really does feel like a family.

The school has had a busy term as we strived to create as many opportunities for our students as part of our four school improvement drivers. We do hope you can see the efforts that our school team has been putting in to provide a holistic approach to education. If you have any ideas of opportunities you want your child to be involved in, please get in touch, we would love to hear your ideas.

I do hope you all have a wonderful Winter break. For me, it is a special time to be with family and indulge in lots of yummy, homemade food and have a rest. Looking forward to the start of the new term.

Warmest regards,

Michelle Puxty
Head of Secondary



Mock Examinations

We would like to take this opportunity to remind our community about the Mock Examinations that are upcoming for year 11, 12 and 13 students.

These examinations will provide an opportunity to assess students' skills, knowledge, and understanding, *but also provide students with an opportunity to experience a true exam scenario and a chance to enhance their approaches to revision.*

A specific schedule of examinations have been emailed by the relevant Coordinator. Please see the general breakdown below and contact either Ms. Ruba Jeshi (Year 11) or Dr. Kanchi Das (Year 12/13) if you have any questions or concerns.

Year 11 Mock Examinations

Tuesday 03 January to Wednesday 11 January

Please note that there will be no lessons for Year 11 on Monday 02 January - this will be given as study leave.

Year 12 Mock Examinations

Monday 09 January to Wednesday 18 January

Please note that *there will be no study leave allocated to Year 12* and *they are expected to attend lessons as normal* following the winter break.

Year 13 Mock Examinations

Tuesday 03 January to Tuesday 17 January

Please note that there will be no lessons for Year 13 on Monday 02 January - this will be given as study leave.



Key Information

Monday 02 January 2023

All students and staff return

We will begin the new academic year on our Week 1 Timetable.

Tuesday 03 January - Wednesday 18 January

Year 11 - 13 Mock Examinations

Please see the previous page of this newsletter and check your emails for specific information.

Monday 09 January

Term 2 CCAs Begin

Sign-ups will open at 19.00 on Tuesday 03 January. Please see emails with details and sign-up via the 'Learning' section of the school website.

Friday 20 January

Year 7 - 10 Mid-Year Report Issued

Our MR Report will be issued to parents via the iSAMS Parent Portal (in the same area as the CA1 Report). Year 11 - 13 MR Reports will be issued on Friday 10 February, as our teachers require additional time to ensure all mock examinations have been completed, marked, and moderated by staff.

2022-23 Whole School Priorities

Opportunity

We have recently held options evenings for Year 9 and Year 11 students. As part of these preparations, Mr. Pinkerton has shared a brilliant Padlet resource that provides an opportunity for students and families to explore the world of College and Careers. Please see use the link below to access the Padlet and begin your explorations!

Thank you to Mr. Pinkerton for such a brilliant resource!

Padlet Link: <https://padlet.com/stewpinkerton/ecopecci5d53eexo>

Stewart Pinkerton • 22h

Careers & College Planning Resources

Disclaimer: Please verify the resources shared here. Every attempt is made to keep the items up-to-date.

- YR 9-10 TRANSITION**
 - YR 10 Subject Options Choices Form
 - YR 10 Subject Options
 - Career Clusters
- YR 11-12 TRANSITION**
 - IB DP Subject Choices @ DIA ('22-23)
 - Popular Careers MATCHED w/ Courses
 - Career Clusters
- Independent Learning Experiences**
 - Global Youth Program - Wharton
 - Engineering Shadow - Sharjah
- COLLEGE PREPARATION**
 - Explore Your Future
 - USA Uni - How To Apply (BigFuture)
 - USA - College Basics (BigFuture)

<https://padlet.com/stewpinkerton/ecopecci5d53eexo/2370643870>

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Wellbeing

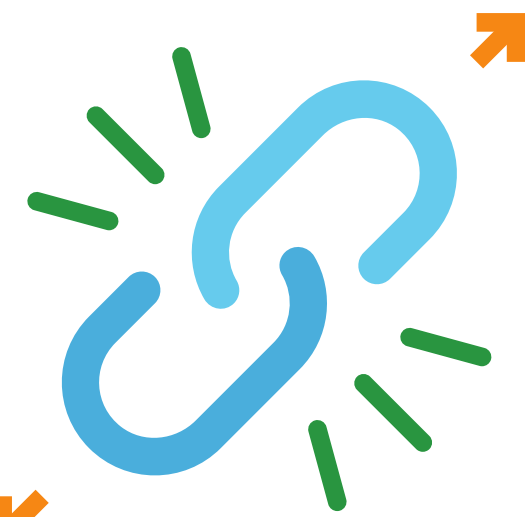
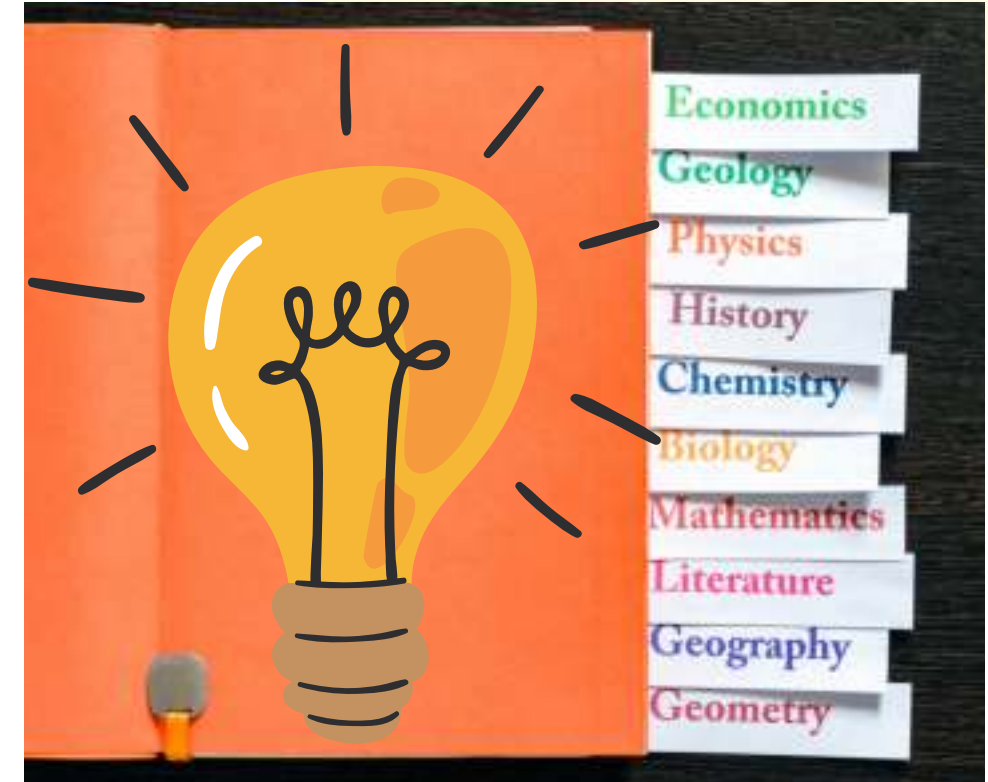
This time of year gives us a chance to thank our community and show how much we value our staff and students!



2022-23 Whole School Priorities

Year 11>12 Options Evening

Community



Post 16 Subject Options Form:
Deadline 15th January

<https://apps.innoventureseducation.com/diaeh/subjectoptions/>



2022-23 Whole School Priorities

Teaching and Learning

In-School Week Without Walls

While many of our students were off on camping trips, students in Years 7 - 10 participated in an interdisciplinary Project based upon Food and Sustainability. We were very impressed by their principled approach, their dedicated collaboration, and their innovative thinking as they researched and designed sustainable meals. Please find some links below to a sample of project presentations, as well as some photos of our brilliant students across the next two pages!

[SAMPLE 1](#)

[SAMPLE 2](#)

[SAMPLE 3](#)

[SAMPLE 4](#)





Competitive Sport & PHE



DASSA under 19

Basketball
Champions



World Cup Celebrations



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