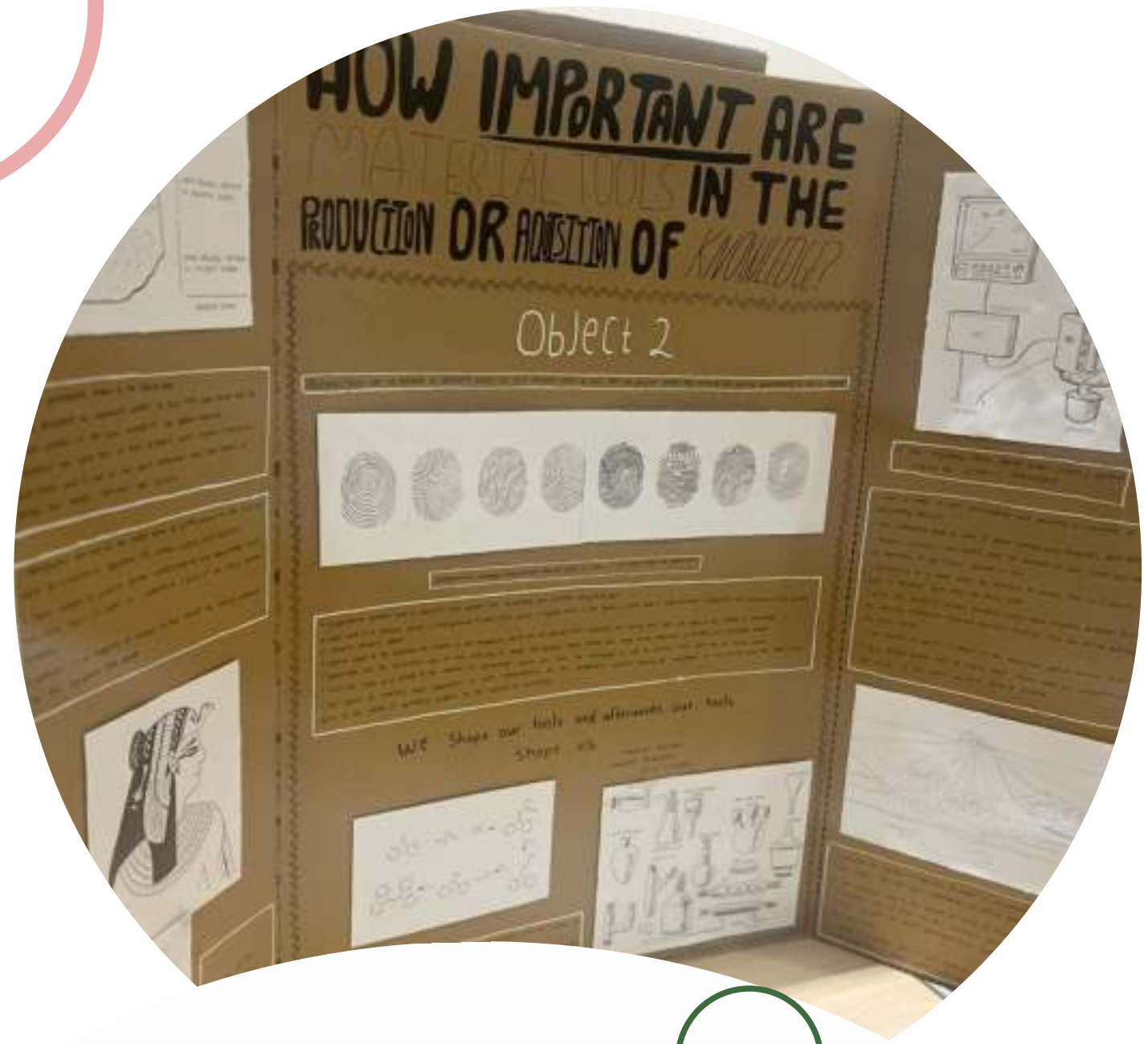




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Newsletter



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2022-2023

Head of Secondary Message

Hello all,

We hope this message finds you well. As we approach the end of another academic year, we are delighted to present to you the graduation edition of our newsletter. We have also included a snapshot of a number of transition activities that have been taking place for our Year 6s and Year 11s to support the jump into the next stage of their education.

These last two weeks have been crammed with so much and this newsletter is just a flavour of the busy Secondary school. From Sports awards to TOK Exhibitions, summer showcases to spelling bees- there is always so much going on!

The final school day is Monday 26th June and this is a normal school day and timings. We plan to send out our final newsletter in the week after Eid to celebrate the year.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Take Care,

Michelle



Key Information

Monday 19 June

EAL Parent Session

Parents are invited to join us in the Canteen Extension at 07.45 to learn more about the English as an Additional Language provision we offer at DIA.

Monday 20 June

DI@Tech Event

Join us in celebrating the work of our students this year as they display all things related to product and digital design as we look towards the future of technology in education!

Tuesday 21 June

Year 11 College Counselling Coffee Morning

Year 11 parents are invited to join us for an information session regarding college and careers counselling. We will outline the ways we support your children and also answer any questions you have about academic life after DIA!

Thursday 22 June

Secondary School Awards

Join us as we celebrate the achievements of students in Years 7-10 & 12. All award nominees have received specific invitations on Wednesday 14 June - so please check your emails!

Friday 23 June

Battle of the Houses

Students and staff will have a series of challenges as we look to crown the winning house for this academic year!

Monday 26 June

Last Day of School for Students

We did it! Final Reports will be issued via the iSAMS Parent Portal and we wish all students a happy and healthy summer break! Watch your emails for information about our return in August.

MYP Graduation



DIA- EH recently celebrated the culmination of the Middle Years Programme journey for our year 11 students.

Our students have been always encouraged to be risk-takers by stepping out of their comfort zones and embracing new opportunities. They participated in service projects, collaborated with peers from different backgrounds, and engaged in meaningful action throughout the MYP Programme. These experiences have not only broadened their horizons but also nurtured their empathy, compassion, and understanding.

In the next phase of their educational journey, whether it is in the DP or CP, our students will never cease exploring; they will remain lifelong learners who are committed to continuous personal and intellectual growth.

Congratulations to the MYP Class of 2023!







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Graduation
Class of 2023

We are thrilled to share with you the joyous celebration that took place at our recent Year 13 Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2023. It was an unforgettable event filled with pride and accomplishments and was a testament to the hard work, focus, and resilience demonstrated by our students throughout these two years. Families, friends and faculty came together to honour and applaud the remarkable achievements of our graduating class. The ceremony, held on 28th May at the Dubai Ballroom JW Marriott Marquis commenced with a grand procession, as our distinguished graduates proudly marched across the red carpet to the stage, adorned in their caps and gowns.

The ceremony continued with inspiring speeches from our CEO Ms. Poonam Bhojani, our esteemed guest speaker, the secondary school leadership team as well as the valedictorian. Their inspiring words resonated deeply, offering guidance and encouragement to our graduates as they prepare to make their mark on the world.

One of the highlights of the ceremony was the presentation of diplomas. As each graduate's name was called, we commemorated their achievements.

Our graduates were also honoured with various awards recognizing their exceptional academic achievements, leadership skills, and community service contributions.

As tradition dictates, the turning of the tassels marked the symbolic transition from high school students to high school graduates. The joy and excitement that filled the air were palpable, as the Class of 2023 officially stepped into the next chapter of their lives.

To our graduating seniors, we extend our warmest congratulations. The Year 13 Graduation Ceremony was a true testament to the incredible partnership between home and school.







Destination Discoveries!

As part of this year's transition programme, we met our current Year 6 students in the "departure lounge" (the Presentation Hall) for their launch assembly to Secondary School with Mrs. Susan McMechan and Ms. Donna Campbell. Once arriving in MYP, they enjoyed an exciting and enlightening series of taster lessons over the course of two days.

Students had the opportunity to unleash their creativity in Visual and Performing Arts; they let off steam and enjoyed being active in PHE; Science workshops sparked curiosity through the hands-on 'Rainbow Fizz' experiment; in I&S classes, they delved into social and global issues; in French or Spanish, they were immersed in the richness of different languages and cultures; the Product and Digital Design activities nurtured their problem-solving skills and innovation, as they explored the world of technology and design.

Students were given MYP Passports that they could get stamped for each subject they explored. This not only kept them motivated but also provided a tangible representation of their subject experiences. It was a real pleasure to see their enthusiasm as they eagerly collected stamps for each subject and ATL skill they engaged with.

The week culminated with an inspiring assembly for our Year 6 pupils, led by confident and enthusiastic Year 7 students, organised by Ms. Campbell. We hope that the programme has helped to alleviate any anxieties the Year 6s (and their parents!) may have had about 'big school'. Who knows, maybe they're even a bit excited?



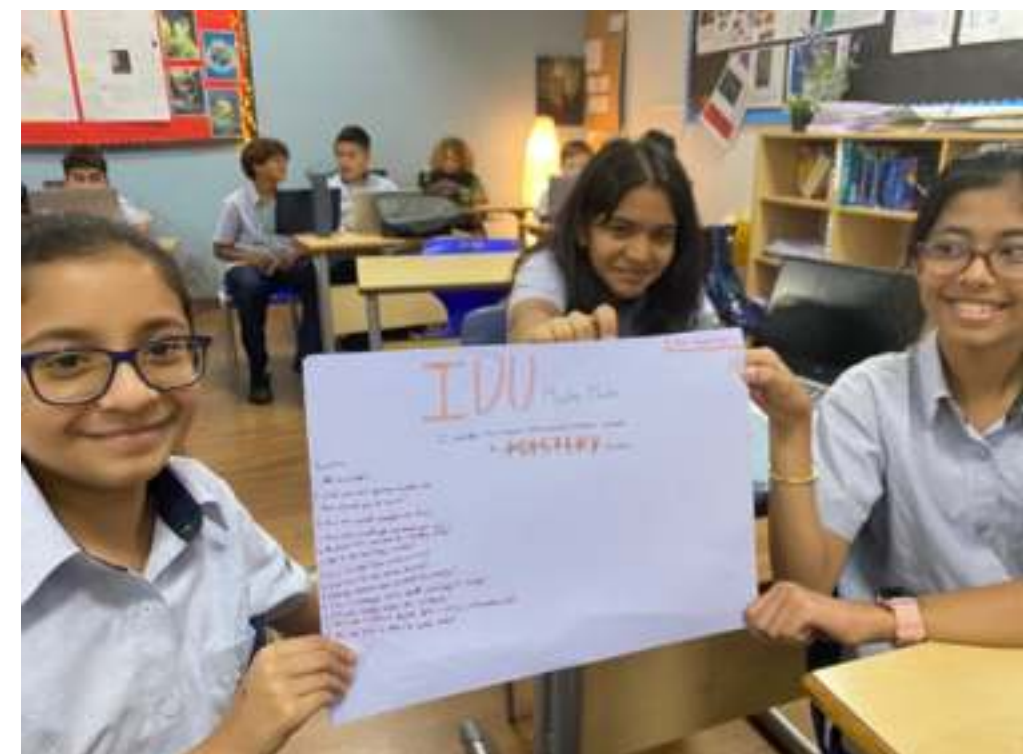
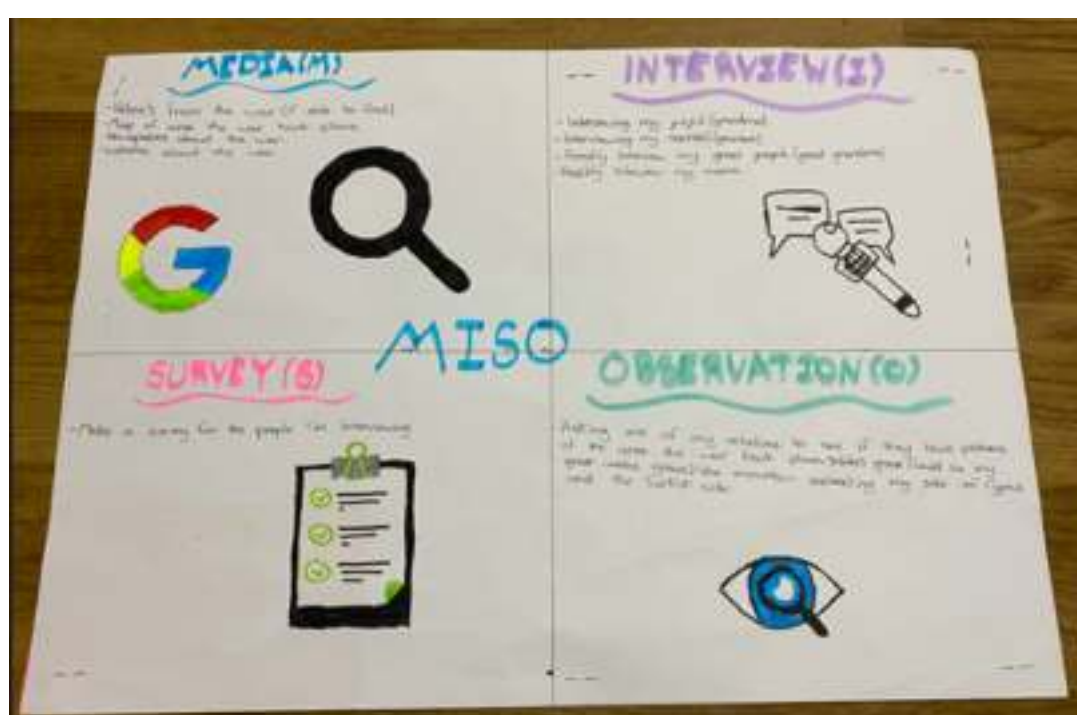
Dynamic Interdisciplinary Project Sparks Collaboration, Creativity and Peer Presentations!

MYP Wonder Project

Following their three-day assessment period, our students in Years 7, 8 and 9, ended last week by exploring their own, unique areas of interests during an engaging interdisciplinary unit.

The Wonder Project allows students to develop their own, original line of inquiry on a topic they choose, completely for themselves. Through this, they learned to hone action research skills, collaborate and communicate effectively, and foster their creativity.

Our students embraced innovative thinking and displayed their learning through art, social experiments and multimedia. From “Why do we sleepwalk?” to “What extent does playing FIFA 23 improve your football skills?” (and pretty much everything in between), their projects testify the confidence and imagination in learning that exudes from our students.



Why, How and What

Our group consists of 3 different group members, Arhaan, Nicholas and Nirvan.

We are trying to create a brand as young teenagers, we think that in school we should learn how to create businesses at a younger age, this will help us in developing our brains at an early age. By learning how to create a business at an early age it will leave you with less stress later on in your life.

We are going to be creating a clothing brand by learning from other people on YouTube. All of the people that have created small businesses have been in our position at some time in their life. They will teach us how to get started and how to thrive our business.



YEAR 7 SUMMMER SHOWCASE

The Year 7s put on a fantastic showcase for parents, teachers and students this week.

The performance involved energetic singing, spooky dancing and comedic acting. Some students even got to showcase their individual talents such as dancing, singing, sports and music. The show was based on a zombie attack and included songs by Michael Jackson which were performed by each Year 7 class over 4 days.

A special thanks to Tricia and Jaana in 7E for writing the script, Rapheal in 7B for making props and Chole, Noah, Kiara and Aashna for hosting the shows. Everyone involved had a great time performing for their audience!



Year 11 Job Shadowing



From Monday 29 May until Friday 09 June, our Year 11 students completed their Job Shadowing Experience, giving them their first glimpse into the 'world of work'.

We sent out a feedback form to our host employers, and we must say that we are very impressed with the feedback received!

Well done to our Year 11 students. Please see some photographs and feedback examples across the next two pages.

"Thank you, Arabella, for all your great work in the past 2 weeks. You've helped us out tremendously and we can't wait to see what you'll achieve in your education and career."



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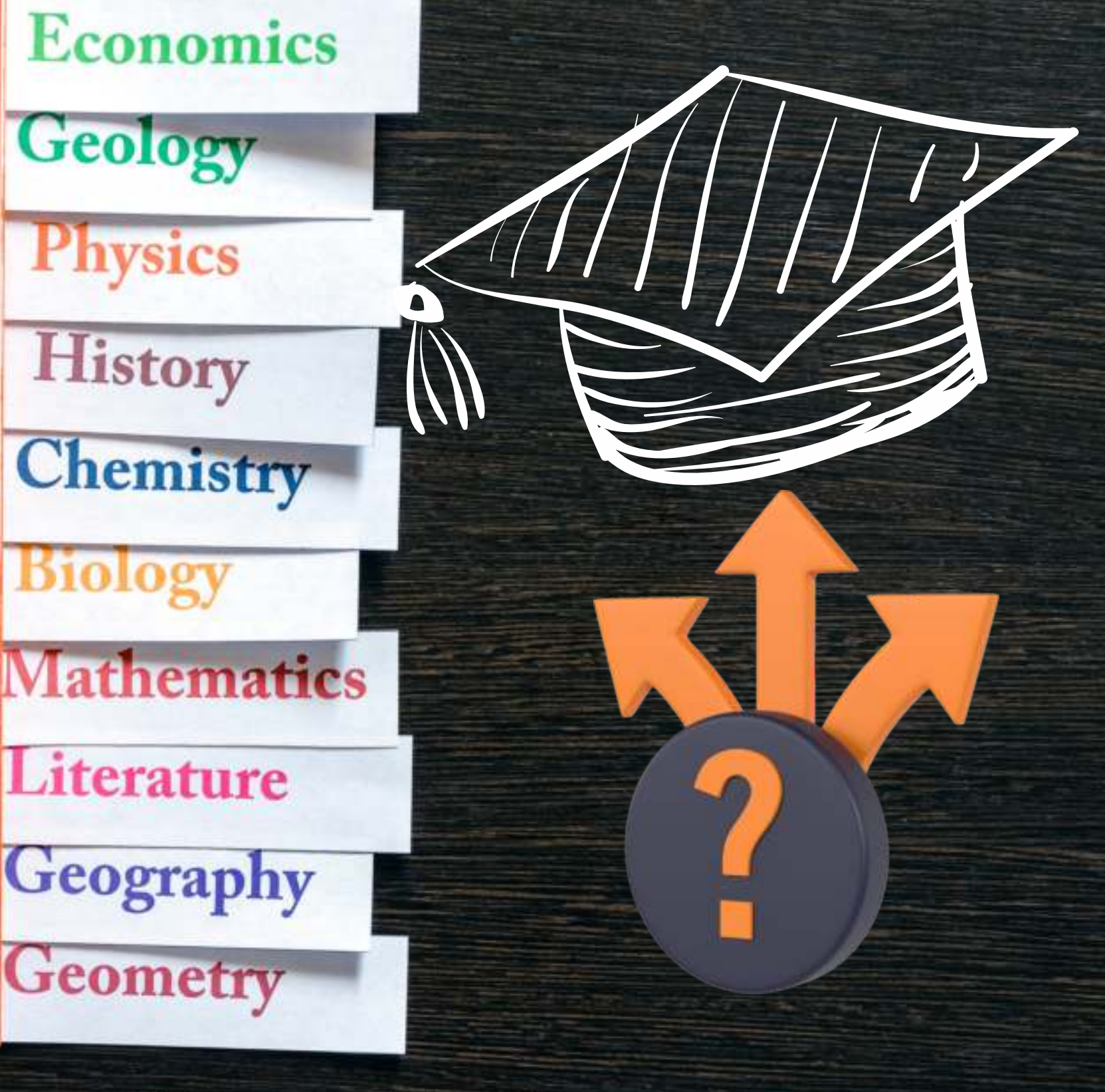
"During this period Meagan has shown great interest and enthusiasm and taken all available opportunities to learn. During her tenor I have found her adaptable, confident, intelligent and hardworking student."

"It was our pleasure hosting the young energetic and dedicated student like Atharva and his other 3 classmates. All 4 students have demonstrated the ability to learn, understand and make suggestions towards process improvement."

"Trisha is an exemplary student who is a true representative of the quality of education that you impart at DIA. She is motivated, smart, empathetic and has immense potential to excel in her chosen field."

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Year 11 into 12 Taster Lessons



This week our Year 11 > 12 Taster Students engaged in DP and CP lessons to help them determine whether they have chosen their subjects wisely. They also had an opportunity to meet Ms. Sppy the College Counsellor to help understand how they can maximise their summer to become acquainted with universities, how to build their profile and how to determine the entry requirements for future career pathways.



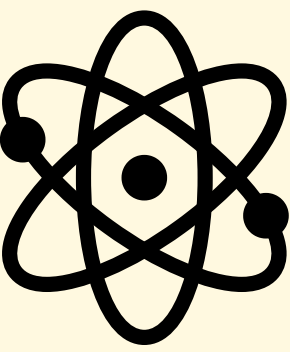
TOK Exhibition

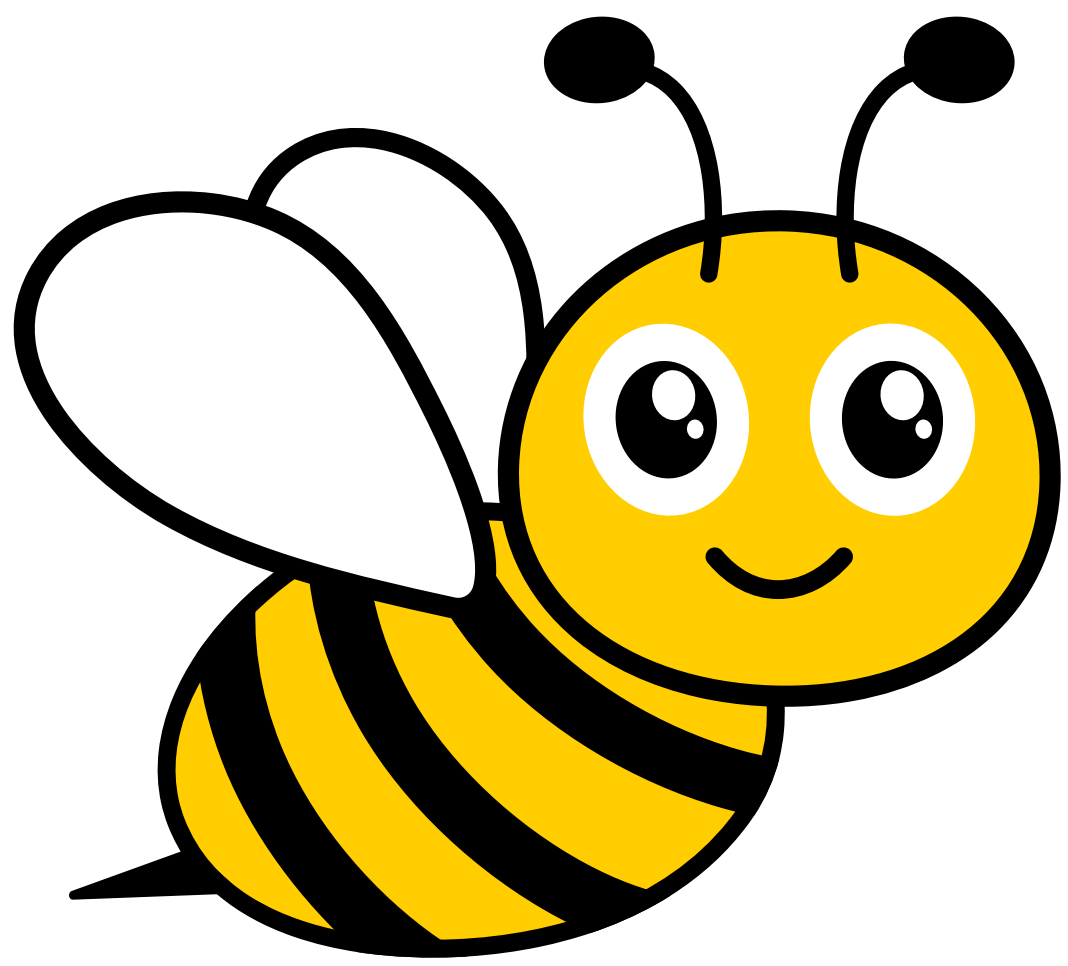


TOK aims to make students aware of the interpretative nature of knowledge, including personal ideological biases – whether these biases are retained, revised or rejected.

It offers students and their teachers the opportunity to:
reflect critically on diverse ways of knowing and on areas of knowledge
consider the role and nature of knowledge in their own culture, in the cultures of others and in the wider world.

The TOK exhibition requires the students to create a presentation of three objects that explores how TOK manifests in the world around us. This week our Year 12 students displayed the breadth and diversity of their explorations in TOK with a phenomenal showcase of their studies and an interactive panel discussion.





Year 7 & 8 Spelling Bee

The Year 7 and Year 8 class finalists competed in the Interhouse Spelling Bee on June 12 and June 13, cheered on with much enthusiasm from their classmates.

The top three students for each year group won their houses some very well-deserved points.



Year 10 Financial Education Workshop



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A generation that aims to be financially secure.
A generation that's taking charge of their future.
A generation that wants to do better, not just for
themselves but for humanity as whole.

Being financially empowered enables them to do that.

And that's our promise...a generation that's
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Because that's exactly what the world needs.

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