

Dear Parents,

17 August 2018

A very warm welcome back! I hope you have enjoyed a relaxing summer break and are looking forward to another great year at TNS DHA Beaconhouse.

I am sure you have read about our amazing results in our IBDP and IBMYP. I am so proud of all involved, from the dedicated teaching staff through to our supportive parent body that enabled the graduating students in our IB programmes to reach their full potential. I am sure you will join me in wishing our DP graduates the very best of luck as they continue their educational journeys, in some of the most prestigious universities across the world. I encourage them all to keep in touch and keep their TNS family up to date with their new adventures.

Our MYP students now look forward to the rigors of the International Baccalaureate Diploma 2 year programme and after their exceptional results, which included two of our candidates achieving a phenomenal score of 52 points out of 56, placing them in the top 1% of the world, I am confident that they are well prepared for their new challenges. I am delighted to see this second year of e Assessment candidates following in the footsteps of our class of 2017 cohort by repeating the 100% pass rate. TNS average for this year stands at a very commendable 44.5, an amazing 9.5 points above the world average, with a school growth of 1.5 points.

On Tuesday 28th August we plan to acknowledge Eid ul Azha by creating a celebratory day, where students can enjoy visiting the Mehndi stalls and we are encouraging them to dress in their Eid clothes. A special surprise menu will be served on the day. This will not impact on the normal teaching routines, but simply allow our students and staff to appreciate time to come together with their peers. Look out for our staff, who will also be dressing in their Eid outfits.

The Year book will be available very soon and I hope you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed putting it together. It is filled with some very memorable moments and celebrates all aspects of school life. The process of compiling the images and the write ups was a lengthy process, which we plan to improve this year by introducing a Year Book club in September to collate all of our events throughout the year and to encourage a greater student ownership.

As well as the new Year Book club we will be introducing an improved after school activity programme with greater choices including a Mandarin class, a Public Speaking club and a new STEM technology club to name but a few. Further details on how to sign up will be provided in the coming weeks. The new end time of 3pm for MYP and DP will allow this programme to run up to 4pm for most classes. I hope you can encourage your children to sign up.

The weekly 'walk in times' continue to operate on the following days:

Monday-EY, 12:30pm onwards

Tuesday- PY 2:40pm onwards

Wednesday –MYP, please note for Grade 6-Grade 10, it will now begin at 3pm

Our Parent Orientation session went very well this week and it was a delight to meet so many of you as I did my rounds on the day. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new students and

parents. I hope that your transition period is a smooth one. As I said in my message on Wednesday, my door is always open, please feel free to drop by anytime if you wish to discuss any aspect of school life. I welcome feedback and I am a firm believer that as we strengthen the links between school and our community, it will take us to even greater heights, together!

I also extend the warmest of welcomes to our new staff who are joining our TNS team, as the school reaches record heights in relation to student numbers.

Let me wish you all a very happy upcoming Eid and I include below some dates for your Diary, so you may plan ahead. Further details will follow for specific events.

Date	Event	Where and what time?
Tues 21 st – Thurs 23 rd Aug	Eid ul Azha	School closed for 3 days and Reopens on Friday 24 th
Tues 28 th Aug	Eid follow up celebration	Across the school
Tues 4 th Sept	Mathematics event	Whole school
Monday 10 th Sept	After school activity programme begins	Various rooms
Thursday 13 th Sept	Intra region swimming gala	TBC
Friday 21 st -Saturday 22 nd Sept	Ashura *	Subject to sighting of the moon*

Warm Regards

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