

Head of School's Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

5th Jan 2018

Happy New Year!

I would like to welcome you all back. I hope that, like myself, you have enjoyed your Winter Break immensely. It seemed to go by so quickly and here we are embarking on another exciting term ahead.

It was a delight to have the opportunity to chat with many of you at our Parent/ Teacher conference in December which saw a very positive response from you all. I know that the feedback and advice given by staff will help our students reflect on their strengths and acknowledge their areas for development. With that in mind, I plan to introduce a mentoring programme this month that will initially be focusing on our Grade 9 and Grade 10. More details about this will be sent out mid-January to ensure you are aware of the target areas, if any, for your child. The success of a mentoring programme comes from ensuring specific focus areas are addressed for those students who may not have achieved their potential in the Mid-Year assessments.

Students will look forward to assemblies that will be acknowledging their achievements from term one. These will include student awards for both Top Achievers and Most Progress. The house point system will continue to encourage greater participation in all aspects of school life and this term we will see additional events across the year groups.

The Cafeteria is leading a drive on Consumer feedback. Each day there will be a response form placed in the Cafeteria to allow students and staff to give feedback on the meals. A follow up meeting will ensue, with guidance from an experienced nutritionist so that we may improve the services. The most important stage is of course reflection on the feedback. A prompt adjustment to the menu and how the food is prepared and served is the main desired outcome. I have also increased Senior Leadership supervision in this area to encourage students and staff to adhere to the Cafeteria rules that were created by the Student Council.

Our January calendar is proving to be an extremely full one with Grade 10/DP1 assessments from 4th onwards with School Photographs commencing on 15th, EY/PY Sports Day on 23rd and our Rights of Children weekend event on 27th.

I hope the attachment will help with your planning. As always, further details of the schedule will be shared in a timely manner.

Warm regards,

Ms. Diane Metcalfe

Head of School

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 Winter Break | 2 Winter Break | 3 School Open Whole school meeting | 4 G10 assessment DPI Exams | 5 EY/PY assembly Jinnah Day(pres) SLT G10 assessment DPI Exams | 6 |
| 7 | 8 MYP/DP Assembly Cancer Day DP2 Staff Meeting Blind CC-event DPI Exams G10 | 9 G10 assessment DPI Exams | 10 | 11 G10 assessment DPI Exams | 12 EY/PY assembly Student Council Diner SLT SA course sign up G10 assessment | 13 |
| 14 | 15 MYP/DP Assembly 80 presentation School Photograph | 16 School Photograph | 17 | 18 SMT School Photograph | 19 EY/PY assembly School Photograph | 20 |
| 21 | 22 MYP/DP assembly Staff Meeting EY/PY Sports Day Rehearsal | 23 Sports Day-EY/PY | 24 | 25 | 26 EY/PY assembly Martin Luther day 5B SLT | 27 Rights of Children Food market |
| 28 | 29 MYP/DP assembly | 30 | 31 Learner profile Risk-Taker name submission | | | |