

As we enter the examination period, we are also in the midst of planning ahead for our new academic year that will begin in August. The timetable and staffing is complete and preparation for a broader school activity programme is underway.

I want to see more sports activities introduced and additional Swimming lessons available as well as alternative classes such as Art, Performing Arts for all, IT classes and Music groups. Additional academic support groups will also be added to the new lists. The school will end its last teaching lesson at 3 p.m., for MYP/DP students, then commence the one hour after schools activity programme from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. to enhance and compliment all aspects of school life. I am aware that many of our students have expressed a keenness to have a wider choice but also to reduce the ending times of our clubs to enable a healthy balance between school and home interests. The EY/PY times will not be affected but they will also benefit from a diverse choice of clubs and activities.

We still have four weeks left of this term, which will for most of our students, involve revision and assessment schedules. I know that you will join me in wishing them all the very best in their studies. Our DP students have already begun their examinations and our Grade 10 begin their first e-assessments today. Other year groups will begin their assessments shortly. As always, parents will continue to receive details of all specific deadlines and upcoming events from their respected Coordinators. I know that in our younger classes there are some 'special days' coming up, including the long awaited pajama party!

The last week of April saw an excited anticipation around school as we held our Head boy/girl, Deputy Head boy/girl elections. The lead up to the voting day was exhilarating to say the least, with candidates canvassing for 4 days. Students from Grade 1 and above were eligible for voting and they turned out in their hundreds! Congratulations to the following candidates who have already taken up their roles. They have held our first introduction session with the School Council but will be fully operational after all assessments are completed as we believe at this time in the year, priority needs to be learning. I am sure they will have some great ideas planned for the next academic year, beginning with the appointments of their year representatives, which will be held in August, through the voting system.

Head Boy	Head Girl	Deputy Head Boy	Deputy Head Girl
Murad Ali Khan	Daniya Jawward	Muhammad Shayaan	Mishael Hyat

I would like to thank our former team for their contributions this year. I am sure they will still be available to give our new leaders advice and guidance.

I will write to you again before the end of the term, but please bear in mind that school will end on Friday 1st June and re-open on Wednesday 15th August (for parent orientation day) and Thursday 16th August for students.

Warmest regards,

Ms. Diane Metcalfe
Head of School