



DIYAFAH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL LLC

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Celebrating 37 Years of Excellence

30 June 2019

Dear Parents

Principal's End of Term Letter

As we come to the end of Term 3, and indeed the Academic Year 2018/19, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support during this year.

Parent Teacher Conferences – 4 July 2019

On Thursday 4 July 2019 we have our final Parent Teacher Conferences (PTCs) for the year. This is an ideal opportunity for you to meet with your son or daughter's teachers and review progress and attainment throughout the past term and year. The day starts at 8.00am and ends at 2.30pm. In order to give teachers time for lunch no PTCs will be held between 12.00pm – 12.30pm.

The End of Year and Term 3 Progress Report can be downloaded from the Parent Portal from 1st of July. I do think it is also appropriate for your son or daughter to accompany you to these Conferences so as they can hear directly from their teachers how they have performed and what more they need to concentrate on in the future to make even greater progress.

Lost Property Re-Claim – 4 July 2019

There will be an opportunity to view the large quantity of items of "lost property" – items of uniform clothing, water bottles, school bags and lunch containers and more – on Thursday 4 July 2019. Any items that remained unclaimed by the end of the day will be forwarded to Red Crescent to be distributed to various children's charities.

Parent Orientation Meetings – September 2019

The new Academic Year begins on 1 September 2019 for students. I attach below the planned, phased Parent Orientation Meetings. These are important Meetings since they set out key information and expectations which all should be aware of at the start of a new Academic Year. Please note the dates and times of these Meetings for the respective Year Groups.

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Important Dates for Academic 2019/20

Thursday 29 th August	Sunday 1 st September	Monday 2 nd September	Tuesday 3 rd September	Wednesday 4 th September
Parent Orientation for Years 7 to Year 11 Time: 8.30am – 9.30am	School starts for Years 7 to Year 11 at 7.45 am Parent Orientation for Year 3 to Year 6 Time: 8.30am – 9.30am	School starts for Year 3 to Year 6 at 7.45 am Parent Orientation for: Year 1 at 8:30am – 9.30am Year 2 at 10:30am – 11.30am	School starts for Years 1 & 2 at 7.45 am	FS2: 10:30am to 11:30am (No Buses) then Dismissal
Transport: All students to be accompanied by their parents on their first day of school.	Afternoon – Buses will ply for Years 7 to Year 11 Departure at 2.40pm	Buses will ply in the morning for Years 7 to Year 11 only. Afternoon – Buses will ply for Years 3 & above. Departure at 2.40pm	Morning: Buses will ply in the morning for Years 3 to Year 11 only.	Buses will ply in the morning for Years 1 to Year 11 only. Parents of FS2 children will have to drop and pick up the child on the first day.

ADEK Approved Calendar 2019/20

Please see below the key dates from the ADEK approved Calendar 19/20 which outlines the start and end dates for each term for the next Academic Year. It also highlights the proposed period for internal examinations as well as half term breaks and other proposed national holidays.

Term 1

- Start Date (Students) Sunday 1 September 2019
- Mid Term Holiday Monday 21 October – Thursday 24 October 2019 (inclusive)
- Term 1 Examinations Sunday 10 November - Thursday 21 November 2019 (inclusive)
- National Holiday (tbc) Sunday 1 December – Tuesday 3 December 2019 (inclusive)
- End of Term (Students) Thursday 12 December 2019

Term 2

- Start Date (Students) Sunday 5 January 2020
- Year 11 iGCSE Mock Exams Sunday 12 January – Thursday 23 January 2020 (inclusive)
- Mid Term Holiday Sunday 9 February – Thursday 13 February 2020 (inclusive)
- Term 2 Examinations Sunday 1 March - Thursday 12 March 2020 (inclusive)
- End of Term (Students) Thursday 26 March 2020

Term 3

- Start Date (Students) Sunday 12 April 2020
- Term 3 Examinations Sunday 7 June - Thursday 18 June 2020 (inclusive)
- End of Term (Students) Thursday 2 July 2020

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After School Activities Plan 2019/20

Please see below the plans we have for enhancing our offer of Co-curricular Activities after school for our students. We hope more and more of our students will avail themselves of these enriching experiences. Some activities will be provided by external providers at an affordable rate. The internally offered activities will be offered at no charge for Term 1 and Term 2 over a 12-week period, once per week from 3.00pm – 4.00pm. Transport will also be provided for after the activities have ended.

External Activities	Paid Provision	Diyafah Internal Co-curricular Activities
Karate		Reading Club Maths Club
Football		Language Games School Magazine Club
Robotics		Poetry Writing ICT On-line games/Kahoot
Tennis		Art & Craft Art/Painting
Ballet		Origami Spanish Language
Abacus		Dance Recorder
Chess		Choir/Singing Movie Club (History)
Arts		Ukelele Volleyball
Cricket		Drama Soccer
Basketball		Exercise Club Table Tennis
Dodgeball		Advanced Chess Badminton
Lego		Arabic Calligraphy Quran

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New Build Update

You will see that the Construction Company is making rapid progress on the new build. We are very much looking forward to being able to utilise our new facilities with our students and our parents as soon as practically possible. We have expanded our curriculum offer to take full advantage of our new learning spaces.

These spaces include:

- Swimming Pool
- Secondary Library
- 3 Science Labs bringing the total to 5.
- Design Technology Lab
- Food Technology Lab
- Third Art Studio
- Third ICT Suite
- Music Room
- Second Drama Space
- Multi-Purpose Hall
- Astro Turf
- Cricket Nets
- Additional Classrooms for Secondary Students

Thank You

I have said many times before, and I will reiterate my belief, that education is about partnership – a partnership between students, parents and teachers. I want to particularly thank the dedicated and wonderful staff, teaching and support staff, we have in this school. They are totally committed to ensuring the best for our students. They all deserve a relaxing and refreshing holiday with their own families and friends. I am sure you will agree.

Indeed, I wish you a wonderful break too with your own families and friends and look forward to another successful year when we all return.

Yours sincerely



Bart. Cannon
Principal

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