



Secondary Spotlight

8th September 2017
Edition 3

Secondary Notices

Friday 8th September:

Monday 11th September:

Thursday 14th September:

Friday 15th September:

Deposit deadline for Y7-13 Residential Trips

Edmodo contract deadline

(inform Mrs. Hyland if you do not want your son/ daughter to have access to Edmodo)

Year 10 & 11 Parent Coffee Morning: DCIS café: 8:45 a.m.

Extended deposit deadline for Global Campus trip to Tanzania (Y9- Y13)

*James Grime, the eminent mathematician, is coming to visit the DCIS Secondary School!
Details about amazing codebreaking sessions plus student and parent workshops coming soon...*

Global Campus

We are delighted to announce that Year 9 students are now invited to join us on the Tanzania trip! More details on the trip and information on how to sign up will be sent out via email. The date for all year groups to register has been extended to Friday 15th September. Sign up now to reserve your child's place!

Sports Report

Girls U16 football trials took place this week. Congratulations to the girls who have been selected to represent the school. Fixtures started this week with the U16 Boys football team played against GWA and AIS. The first round of fixtures in the U12 rugby tournament also took place, with games against Dulwich Blues, Dulwich Blacks and GWA.

Our subject in the Spotlight this week is... SCIENCE

Year 7: Since the start of term, Year 7 students have been building and working on their experimental skills. This week, they will have a chance to light their own Bunsen burner and conduct their own investigation! Building confidence is a crucial part of their introduction to the lab. It will equip students with the skills they will need right up to their IB studies and beyond.

Year 8: Food, glorious food! Year 8 students have been looking at food from a scientific perspective and thinking about the roles different macronutrients have in the body and what having a 'balanced diet' really means.

Year 9: Year 9 are answering the big questions in science, such as 'What are we made of?', 'What makes us unique?' and 'What are the differences between sex and gender?' As part of their first biology unit this year, students are learning about the structure of DNA, how we inherit characteristics from our parents and how our genetics and environment balance to shape who we are.

Year 10: This term has been very busy for Year 10 so far! Double Award students have begun their first Chemistry module, while Single Award students are looking at forces in the first Physics module. The increased pace and content of Year 10 is often a challenge, although students are adjusting well and becoming more sophisticated scientists each lesson.

Year 11: Year 11 have started the year by embarking on their third Chemistry unit, called 'Organic Chemistry'. All about hydrocarbons, this unit focuses on the differences between alkanes and acids, and how chemical bonds affect the properties of the molecule.



Update from IB Coordinator

The IB students began preparation for their first CAS interview this week, in which they plan ways they can develop current interests, pursuits and service work, as well as finding new ways they can add to the activities they do outside of school. The ESS students have also put together a very professional and comprehensive report on recycling in the school as part of their course.

