



Secondary Spotlight

9th November 2018
Term 1, Edition 11

Secondary Notices

Monday 12th November Anti-Bullying/Kindness Week

Tuesday 13th November Parent Workshop for Year 6 Parents - Transition to Secondary School at DCIS (8:45 – 10:30)

All secondary students are currently taking part in the Language Perfect Northern Hemisphere Competition. DCIS are doing very well in the rankings at the moment!

TTT Deadlines: w/c 12th November

Year 7 – History and Mandarin, Year 8 – Geography, Year 9 -Visual Arts/ DT and French

Global Campus

20th November is World Children's Day and DCIS will be celebrating the theme of 'Student Voice' this year. Students will be given the opportunity to meet Mr. Short and to teach their teachers about their unique skills. They will be giving feedback to the student council about the progress they see in the school and any issues they would like to focus on moving forward. Students can sign up through the Global Campus Google Classroom if they would like to take part in these activities and express their voice. We have received our prizes for the winners of last year's GC Creative Writing and Visual Arts Anthology. Congratulations to Reyna in Year 7 whose artwork has been chosen to be on the cover of the anthology, for the second year in a row DCIS is represented on the cover! Also congratulations to Ines in year 7 whose written piece was a judge's choice. Althea (Y8) and Aria (Y10) also have work published in the anthology.

Sports Report

The Y10 and Y11 Dover Fins will participate in the ACSIS High School Swim Meet at SAS this Saturday. The trials for the U14 girls football team (Y8 and Y9) will take place 8.00am on Tuesday 13/11.

Our subject in the Spotlight this week is... French/Spanish

Year 7: We have been thrilled to have our new Year 7 students join the secondary languages department. Their enthusiasm in lessons is fantastic, and they have already built up a solid foundation through studying the basics in French. This half term, we are moving on to the topic of animals and ensuring that pupils are beginning to add details into their written work.

Year 8: Year 8 started the year by studying the topics of daily routine, school life and giving their descriptions of these. They are now developing their use of complex opinions, even managing to answer some GCSE level questions on these topics already!

Year 9: Pupils in Year 9 have been laying the foundations for their GCSE studies and have approached the year with maturity and an excellent attitude. We are currently studying the topic of family relationships and discussing in French how pupils help out at home! We are also building upon their grammatical knowledge and looking at a variety of tenses.

Year 10: What a fantastic start to their GCSE course the class has made! The students are focused on achieving high grades in French and have started the year with an enthusiastic approach and a conscientious attitude. Having just completed another GCSE topic, pupils have now written their second essay and enjoy perfecting this skill.

Year 11: With mock examinations just around the corner, the Year 11s have been practising their exam techniques through essay writing and past paper assessments. They are proving themselves to be resilient and reflective in their studies and are all putting a great deal of effort into their work. We are currently studying the environment topic and are readying ourselves for another in-class debate!

Update from IB Coordinator: In TOK, the Year 12 students have been trying to answer the question, "what is science?" They continue to be applying themselves superbly to the core elements of the IB Diploma. Year 13 have been feeling the squeeze this week as deadlines loom for Internal Assessments and university applications. They have been excellent role models for the Year 12s in how to manage this!

