



Secondary Spotlight

11th January 2019
Term 2, Edition 1

Secondary Notices

Monday 14 th January	Screenagers Movie Showing to Parents (Cooper Hall) (19:30-21:00)
Tuesday 15 th January	Screenagers Movie Showing to Parents (Cooper Hall) (19:30-21:00)
Thursday 17 th January	Julliard Curriculum Specialist Visit: Jessica Meyer
Friday 18 th January	Julliard Curriculum Specialist Visit: Jessica Meyer
Monday 14 th - Friday 18 th January	Year 11 Mock IGCSE Exams

Student Wellbeing

Welcome to all new and returning students. Transition to a new school and/or country can be challenging for some students so please contact your child's form teacher, Progress Leader or school counsellor if your child is having difficulty settling into the new school environment. Anxiety about mock exams may also impact on student's well-being so please contact the support staff for help with this issue. A presentation on Managing Exam Stress (for parents) was held on December 13 but the information is also relevant to students. The presentation is on the school parent portal and on our YouTube channel, or you may contact the school counsellor (Ian Moody) for additional information.

Sports Report

This week the U14 Boys A team won 3-1 vs YBIS, while the U16 Girls basketball and U14 Girls football both lost to Dulwich.

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

Year 7: It's the first large assessment coming up for our Year 7s and we have no doubt there will be a little stress to come along with it. Our main aim will be to show them revision techniques that they can develop over their coming years with us and how to deal with the stress of examinations. There will be another one at the end of the year so if they feel they haven't done well they will have another shot.

Year 8: Our Year 8s have taken well to the interleaved curriculum and have shown good memory skills when coming back to topics previously learned. They will need to use this in the upcoming exams. There will be a large focus on the revision and review for these examinations and our emphasis will be on diagnosing our weaknesses in the subject so that we can improve for the next large exam at the end of the year.

Year 9: The Year 9s will be attempting harder exams than they have seen before to finalise their conceptual understanding. The focus will be to identify topics of improvement to work on independently before the final exam of the year which will be a full IGCSE paper.

Year 10: For our Year 10s we will be sitting an iGCSE past paper in the coming weeks. Though they should be familiar with these formats by now as their homework booklets have been good exposure to what the paper will be like. It is important that they use this three pen technique once the exams are over, especially when focusing on errors made as these are easily replicable in a home environment.

Year 11: Mocks are already underway for our Year 11s and this will be their first taste of the real exam conditions, including locations that they will be using for the exams in the summer. It is vitally important that they take these seriously and revise as they would for the final exams. However, more important is the management of stress at this time. We ask all students feeling under the pressure to please confide in us if needed, so we can formulate strategies to handle the stress going forward. Good luck to all!

Update from IB Coordinator:

Our IB cohort returned this week with renewed enthusiasm and energy after a demanding first term. Year 13 will be turning their attentions to their mock exams this term, and Year 12 will continue their progress across all courses.

