



Secondary Spotlight

24th August 2017
Edition 1

Secondary Notices

Monday 28th August: Y7-13 Residential Trips Meeting

Year 7: 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Cooper Hall

Year 8/9: 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Main Music Room

Year 10/11/12/13: 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Main Music Room

Tuesday 29th August: Parent Workshop

Year 7-11 Approaches to Homework. 8:45 a.m. Cooper Hall

Wednesday 30th August: Parent Coffee Morning

Sixth Form/ IB (Year 12): 8:45 a.m.

Thursday 31st August: Year 7 Parent Coffee Morning

Tuesday 29th August 3.30-4.30p.m.: "GREASE" Musical Auditions

Plus... The NASO Science Olympiad is coming to DCIS- details to follow!

Global Campus

Global Campus Expeditions that are coming up this year will include Tanzania and Switzerland. Watch this space for more information on exciting upcoming Global Campus news!

Sports Report

All year groups have been introduced to the new cross country course in their PE lessons. This term, each year will have a number of attempts to complete a variety of distances based on ability and age. We have also hosted the U16 girls football trials to see who will represent the school for the ACSIS competition this year.

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

Year 7: In Year 7, students are studying place value, the operations of mathematics and the order in which they fall. The students are then moving on to perimeter and angles, area and approximation and fractions, decimals and percentages. Students will focus on developing a more mature approach to their studies as they make the transition from Primary to Secondary mathematics.

Year 8: In Year 8, students are developing their knowledge of place value, the operations of mathematics and the order in which they fall. The students are then moving on to transformations, similarity and constructions, measures and algebraic manipulation. Students will focus on new mathematics that they may not have been introduced to in previous years.

Year 9: In Year 9, students are revising key components of their mathematical study including multiplication and division of factors, sequences and linear graphs. The students are then moving on to non-linear graphs, equations and circumference. Students will focus on how to present work in a way that is both logical and clear in preparation for Key Stage 4.

Year 10: In Year 10, students are studying algebraic expressions, proportion and approximation and formulae and mensuration. The students are then moving on to properties and number, equations and inequalities and symmetry and angles. Students will focus on exam technique and the use of revision strategies to be frequently revisiting prior learning.

Year 11: In Year 11, students are studying vectors, trigonometry and proportion. The students are then moving on to quadratics, transformations and probability and sets. Students will focus on exam technique and the use of revision strategies to be frequently revisiting prior learning.

Update from IB Coordinator

Our new IB students have settled in brilliantly so far. This first week has allowed them to get an introduction into different subjects as they finalise their subject choices for the year ahead. They've been very positive and mature as new role models to the younger students at DCIS. We are looking forward to a very successful year ahead.

