



Secondary Spotlight

5th October 2018
Term 1, Edition 7

Secondary Notices

- Monday 8th October Start of Photography Week
- Thursday 11th October Parent Workshop – EAL strategies for Parents (The Academy, 8.45-9.30am)
- Friday 12th October Half term holiday begins

TTT Deadlines: w/c 8th October

Year 7 – Music and Computing, and Science, Year 8 – History and Mandarin, Year 9 – Geography

Global Campus

All students now have access to the Global Campus Online! Use this website to access: <https://globalcampus.nae.school/> Students should check with their form tutors or Ms Burk if they have not received their username and password yet. We also have a google class for students to join to get more information, the class code is: s0nv4c. There are still a few more weeks before the deadline for the photography competition. Log on to the Global campus to check out the Composition Course and learn more information. Digital copies of final photos should be handed in to Ms Burk by 29th October.

Sports Report

The U12 rugby team beat Tanglin 1st team last week but unfortunately came unstuck against Dulwich and AIS. The U14 rugby team continued their good form by beating GEMS and SAS. The U16 girl's football beat SJI 1-0 and unfortunately lost to MPS.

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

Year 7: Year 7 students have been learning how chords are constructed, so that they are able to perform a number of common chord progressions by ear. The development of this skill carries on from students aurally identifying the different musical ingredients that exist in musical works, known as the musical elements. The Tic Tac Toe homework has shown that many students already have a wide listening palette!

Year 8: Year 8 students have been experimenting with rhythmical elements used to convey action in films, while also being able to describe compositional choices using musical terminology. There have been some really interesting layering of rhythms combined with body movement and fabulous singing voices!

Year 9: Year 9 students have been learning and improvising each of the eight essential factors that define the role of film music in movies. The unit of film music is a topic that many students are familiar with, whether through movies or video game music. Naturally, there have been some amazing improvisation ideas that has demonstrated an understanding of the different ways musical elements can be manipulated to convey the mood of a scene.

Year 10: Year 10 GCSE have produced remarkable first compositions using only their own instrument for a specific visual stimulus. We are now developing the aural awareness of diatonic harmony and rhythm, which will further develop each composition for a range of instrumental forces and settings.

Year 11: Year 11 GCSE have travelled back to the music of the 70's, where they have been analysing and appraising the work of Queen. A lot of the music we hear today was originally pioneered by Queen, so students have been studying 'Killer Queen' to understand the ways in which innovative recording tricks and guitar effects were created.

Update from IB Coordinator:

Years 12 and 13 had some very interesting talks from Quest University (Canada) and representatives from universities in New Zealand this week. We also had many of our IB students helping to inform parents and prospective students at our Sixth Form Open Evening, so a big thank you to them!

