



# Secondary Spotlight

12th October 2018  
Term 1, Edition 8

## Secondary Notices

- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October      Parent Teacher Conference (Cooper Hall, 3:30 - 6:30pm)
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October      Parent Teacher Conference (Cooper Hall, 4 - 7pm)  
Parent Workshop – Online Safety (Cooper Hall, 8.45 - 9.30am)
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October      UN DAY Celebration

Drama Auditions - I am thrilled to announce that auditions will take place in November for students in Years 7 - 9 who would like to be part of the school production 'Arabian Nights' by Dominic Cooke. An email will be sent to all parents shortly with the details of how to audition so keep an eye out for it!

## Global Campus

World Mental Health Day was celebrated on October 10th in order to highlight mental health education, awareness and advocacy against social stigma. This year's theme was "Young People and Mental Health in a Changing World" and aimed to focus on what young people are facing in our world today. From cyberbullying to suicide, it's important to teach young people about mental illness and well-being. A link to 3 main strategies in discussing mental health education is included with this summary. Try the quiz, it is a challenge. Here is the link to the World Mental Health Day blog: <https://bit.ly/2ychTUu>

## Sports Report

The U12 Rugby team had 3 great wins against UWCD, Tanglin and Dulwich Blues. Our U12 B Netball Team took on Dulwich on Thursday and gave them a great game. Unfortunately all U16 girls and boys football games were cancelled due to weather.

## Our subject in the Spotlight this week is...Drama

**Year 7:** In term one, students focused on honing their physical skills and looked to develop their understanding of non-verbal communication whilst working in the style of mime. Students will now be putting these skills to use learning about the art of melodrama. Melodrama requires a flamboyant acting style and a highly exaggerated use of voice and gesture.

**Year 8:** Year 8 have been developing their knowledge of the genre of Italian comedy known as 'Commedia dell'Arte'. Using their understanding of the stock characters, they will now rehearse and perform extracts from the script 'Alota - Chocolata'.

**Year 9:** Students have been mastering the style of fast paced storytelling and multi-role playing while studying the script 'The 39 Steps' adapted from the novel originally written by John Buchan.

**Year 10:** We have a made a good start to the GCSE course and students have impressed me with their maturity whilst studying 'The Crucible' by Arthur Miller. This is a very complex play about the Salem witch trials of 1692. Students are developing an understanding of how to apply the skills of a performer, director and designer to this text.

**Year 11:** I have been extremely impressed with the commitment and dedication shown by the Year 11 GCSE Drama students so far this year. They have approached their devised practical exam with energy and enthusiasm. A fantastic first term and a great start to the year!

**Update from IB Coordinator:** Our IB students have been getting into the spirit of UN Day preparations, already creating some great displays. Year 12 has settled in very well this half-term, and our year 13s continue to set a great example to them. Next half-term will see year 13 university applications sent around the world!

