



# Secondary Spotlight

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019  
Term 3, Edition 2

## Secondary Notices

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Parents' Support Network (8:45-9:30am in DCIS Café)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Diversity Day
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	DCA Parent Social
3 <sup>rd</sup> May – 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 13 IB Exam
6 <sup>th</sup> May – 24 <sup>th</sup> May	iGCSE Exams

### TTT Deadlines: w/c 6th May

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

## Student Wellbeing

For those moving on from DCIS, especially if you are moving to a new country, there are several issues to consider. There are 4 aspects to consider when moving and they are in the form of an acronym RAFT. 1. **R** is Reconciliation: make sure you clear any arguments, disagreements, conflicts you may had with people. A simple sorry goes a long way to healing for all. 2. **A** is for Affirmation: say thank you to people who have been special in your life. 3. **F** is for Farewells both in school and out of school. 4. **T** is for Think destination: have you discussed and/or visited the new location, what can you do there, who should I connect with for information? There is also a need to be mindful of the friends left behind. Work out how to keep in contact and check how they are feeling. A good reference for this topic is the book Third Culture Kids. Growing Up Among Worlds by Pollock & Van Reken.

## Sports Report

This week saw the final week of the ACSIS season 3. The U14 boys' basketball team beat TTS and the U13 boy's rugby lost to SAIS and GEMS. There were also the secondary swimming galas across Thursday and Friday with almost all students taking part in a variety of races or water polo matches. Well done all!

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

**Year 7:** Our Year 7 students have begun their study of 'Goodnight Mr Tom'. This term will see them focus on perfecting their analytical essay writing, with a strong focus on the use of relevant quotations in support of their ideas.

**Year 8:** The Year 8 students have been studying poetry and will end the year by film analysis. Their focus will be on perfecting their PEAL paragraphs and ironing out any issues before they start iGCSE.

**Year 9:** Our Year 9 students are currently studying Shakespeare's 'The Merchant of Venice', which will provide them with key contextual knowledge and experience of analysing Shakespeare's language ahead of beginning the iGCSE next year.

**Year 10:** Year 10 have now completed their study of 'To Kill a Mockingbird' and are moving on to look at poetry. This term will see them focus on close analysis of literary techniques and structure.

**Year 11:** Our Year 11 students are wholly focused on revision for the upcoming exams and are impressing us all with their dedication and focus.

**Update from IB Coordinator:** Year 13s are now on study leave for their final IB exams, and we wish them all the best for this busy period. Year 12 have been working hard on finalising the plans for the graduation celebrations for the Year 13s after the exams.