



Secondary Spotlight

22nd September 2017
Edition 5

Secondary Notices

Friday 22 nd September:	Extended deposit deadline for Year 10, 11 and 12 residential trips
Friday 22 nd September:	Year 8 and 9 IT Trip to Microsoft
Tuesday 3 rd October:	Parent Workshop <i>Secondary School Assessment and Reports, 8:45 a.m. Cooper Hall</i>
Thursday 5 th October:	James Grime, esteemed mathematician, visits DCIS <i>Parent workshop, 4:30 p.m. Cooper Hall</i>
Thursday 5 th October:	IB Trip to National Library

Student Wellbeing

Teenagers and a tropical climate can make for an interesting scent in any Secondary School! Please ensure students' uniforms and PE kits are washed regularly and that the importance of personal hygiene is discussed at home. A great help would be sending students for P.E. with refreshing wipes and a sweat towel.

Sports Report

The U16 boys football won 5-1 against AIS and the U12 rugby team won against Dulwich 3-1 and SAIS 5-1 and drew against GWA 5-5. This week the U16 girls football unfortunately lost their opening game away to Dulwich but we are looking forward to other fixtures to come!

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

Year 7: In Year 7, students are continuing to work on the history skills unit. In particular they utilised their source skills to discover what happened to a pair of skeletons uncovered at Maiden Castle. In the second lesson they aimed to consider the reliability and utility of historical sources.

Year 8: In Year 8, students are preparing for their assessment on the Industrial Revolution which will take place next week. In the first lesson they engaged with historical sources using nature, origin and purpose to help analyse the provenance and content of the sources. The second lesson they began preparing for their assessment by carefully selecting sources that they will utilise in their report on Manchester in 1850.

Year 9: In Year 9, students are studying what life was like in the trenches of the First World War. To do this they completed a number of different tasks such as statistical analysis and decision making to create an overall impression of the everyday life of a soldier in the trenches.

Year 10: In Year 10, students are studying the development of a dictatorship: Germany 1918 – 1945. This week they concentrated on the Munich Putsch and consider the reasons why Hitler launched this attempt to take power. They then went on to consider whether Hitler did “snatch victory out of the jaws of defeat.”

Year 11: In Year 11, students are studying Superpower relations 1945 – 1962. This week the students looked at the Korean War and the impact this had on relations between the USA and the USSR. They also considered the impact Chinese involvement in the war had on the balance of power in Asia. Students then turned their attentions back to Europe and the impact the death of Stalin had on the Eastern bloc.

Update from IB Coordinator

This week the IB students visited Nanyang University to find out more about microscopes and their use in science. They also had a talk and Q&A session with a graduate from Vanderbilt University in the US, where they learned more about pathways to university and how to prepare for the challenges of further education.

