



## DCIS Opening Letter from the Principal August 2016

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15th August 2016

Dear DCIS Parents and Guardians,

It is with great pleasure that I write my first letter as the new Principal of Dover Court International School. I have been able to visit the school three times since my appointment which has given me a really good flavour of all the great work that has been happening at the school over the last few years. I joined Mr Smith and Ms Lebihan in welcoming our new staff at the airport last night. They have a weekend of professional and personal induction before starting with all staff on Monday to ensure we are ready for Orientation Day and the start of term.

### Campus Developments

The summer has been very busy and I am grateful to our admin staff for their hard work in ensuring the campus is ready for the new school year. The following work has been completed over the holiday.

- The air conditioning system in the Cooper Hall, some classrooms and offices has been replaced – we now have new Air Con units throughout the school
- The Julliard Music Technology room will be fully fitted out by the end of August, complete with a state of the art audio network
- Additional play equipment has been added to our vertical playground area outside the Year 1 classrooms
- The swimming pool changing rooms have been completely refurbished

We also have a wide range of new Sports and Early Years resources that arrived over the summer and are now with departments ready to aid great teaching and learning.

There is still some work to complete so over the October half term the following will be completed


- Shading over the outdoor basketball courts
- Expanded play facilities for our younger students in the Lower Primary Playground
- Outdoor furniture will be set up for the Secondary School on the DCIS Cafe decking

We are also looking at the feasibility of shading over the swimming pool which we hope to have in place soon.

When you visit you will all notice our new security hut at the front entrance. This is the visible side of some procedural changes we are making to improve general security in the campus, further details are available in the [Parent Handbook](#).

### Student Orientation

We are looking forward to greeting new and returning families next Friday. Details on our [Student Orientation](#) can be found on our [Parent Essentials](#) webpage. School packs have been prepared for every new and returning family with all the necessary forms and information. If you would like to collect your family pack before Orientation and make a headstart on the forms and registration materials, they are available from our School Reception from



Monday next week.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the DCIS community for their welcome over the last few months and I look forward to meeting many more parents over the coming weeks.

Please feel free to contact myself or my colleagues if you have any questions, contact details are in the Parents' Handbook.

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Short  
Principal