

DOVER COURT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL SINGAPORE



Secondary Spotlight

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## **Secondary Notices**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September Parent Workshop for new parents 'Settling in to your new home' (Cooper Hall 8.45-9.15am) Secondary Curriculum Evening (Cooper Hall 6pm-7pm) ECA confirmations sent to parents Year 8/9 Parent Coffee Morning (Canteen 8.45am-9.30am)

- KS3 Tic Tac Toe booklets were distributed this week to students. Online copies are available on your parent portal.
- Student reward and learning reminder notices will now be sent directly to your parent portal. When you log in you can
  access this information from the 'Student Learning' tab.
- Final reminder that sign up for all year group residential trips ends on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

## Student Wellbeing

Transition into a new school and/or Singapore may present some challenges for students and families. Next Tuesday 4 September from 8:45-9:30am in the Cooper Hall there will be a transition presentation "Settling in to your new home". All welcome.

#### **Sports Report**

Next week the U13 FOBISIA trials start. On Tuesday 4th will be the Athletics trials, while on Wednesday 5th there are football trials. Thursday 6th are the basketball trials and finally on Friday 7th there are the swimming trials.

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

**Year 7:** We are thrilled to welcome our Year 7 students, who have begun the year by looking at a variety of writing styles within the unit of 'Survival'. The students will be looking at writing to advise, persuade and describe, all within the context of survival.

**Year 8:** Year 8 have been examining genre and what it means. They have started to focus on the horror genre in literature, thinking about the typical features that make the horror genre so scary and unsettling. From this, they will be trying to apply these features to their own horror writing.

**Year 9:** In Year 9, the students are beginning the year with the novel, 'Of Mice and Men'. This year will see our students fine tuning their skills of analysis in preparation for their GCSE studies.

**Year 10:** Our Year 10 students have begun their GCSE preparation with the study of An Inspector Calls by J.B Priestley. The students are already hooked on the dramatic plot and are eager to read more. Alongside their reading, students are developing their essay writing and will be completing their first coursework assignment this half term.

**Year 11:** There is no rest for our Year 11 students, who have delved straight back into their novels in preparation for their final exams. We have been impressed by the students' mature and positive approach to their lessons, and we look forward to seeing everything they achieve this year.

### Update from IB Coordinator:

Year 12 have now settled into their final subject choices as their courses begin in earnest. They have also been introduced to the core elements of CAS, TOK and EE. Year 13 continue on their march towards their exams, but they have the small matter of completing their Internal Assessments in various subjects.





