



Secondary Spotlight

1st October 2018
Term 1, Edition 6

Secondary Notices

Monday 1 st October	Parent Support Network Meeting (Café 8.45-9.30am)
Tuesday 2 nd October	KS4 and 5 PSHE Beating Procrastination Workshop DCA Meeting (Academy 8-9pm) STEAM Trip departs to Cambodia
Thursday 4 th October	World Dyslexia Day activities during school day IB and Sixth Form Open Evening (Cooper Hall 6.00-7.30pm)
Friday 5 th October	Secondary Sports Day

TTT Deadlines: w/c 1st October

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

Student Wellbeing

Dyslexia is a specific learning challenge in reading and writing and requires a different way of learning. It affects 10-15% of the population. Famous people with dyslexia include Jamie Oliver, Walt Disney, Pablo Picasso, Agatha Christie, Albert Einstein, Ann Bancroft, Richard Branson and John Lennon. To raise awareness of dyslexia in school this week, various posters will be on display, a TED talk will be shown on Thursday and a Dyslexia Awareness assembly for students will be held on Friday. Please contact the Educational Support team if you have specific questions about dyslexia.

Sports Report

The Secondary Sports Day will be taking place on Friday 5th October. This is an all-day event where pupils will be competing in house teams in various events throughout the day. The finale of the day, the athletics events, will see selected house representatives compete in 4 track events whilst the rest of their housemates will cheer them on.

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

Follow the Art Department Instagram page @dcis_visual_arts for regular updates from the Art Department

Year 7: Our Year 7 students have been learning all about the formal elements this week and putting some of these into practice through experimenting with monoprinting. They have also handed in some wonderful TTT homework which will begin their Art History timeline. We have been very impressed by the level of effort that all students put into their work!

Year 8: This term marks the start of Year 8 students understanding how to meet GCSE standards through a project titled 'Human Form'. The students have learnt how to draw from observation and study proportions of the body. They are now experimenting with different media and composition to prepare themselves for making their final piece! Keep your eyes on the Art Department Instagram page for final piece images soon!

Year 9: Students in Year 9 are working collaboratively this term to create large final pieces which have been transcribed from the work of another artist. They are continuing to develop their work in order to meet GCSE style standards and expectations and using their sketchbook to solve any problems that they face during the process.

Year 10: The Art Department welcomed 13 new GCSE students this term and they have jumped straight into creating beautiful and exciting work which will contribute towards their final grade. Students are working on the theme of 'Perspective' and have already researched artists who are influencing their own personal paintings.

Year 11: Preparing themselves for the final few months of their GCSE course, Year 11 are completing their final coursework project before they receive their exam paper in January. All students are working hard to create independent, personal projects which meet the highest of our expectations. We have been thoroughly impressed by their maturity and dedication to the course both in and out of lessons.

Update from IB Coordinator:

Our students have been involved in a wide range of activities this week alongside their IB studies. It's been great to see them getting involved within the DCIS community in roles like mentoring, supporting extra maths sessions, and helping with sports ECAs.