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# Secondary School Newsletter

03 November 2023





# Head of Secondary Message



Hi all,

I'm absolutely thrilled to be a part of our wonderful school community. It's always a source of pride for me. But I have to say, having a member of the royal family acknowledge our sports education programme at such a high level is beyond amazing! Receiving the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Order of Merit for Sports Education School is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire community, and it highlights our commitment to the holistic development of our students. Our sports ambassadors, leaders, and coaches had the incredible privilege of meeting HH Sheik Mansoor bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, and it was a momentous occasion for all of us. We would have loved to have more students and parents involved in the event, however, due to very strict protocol around the Royal Family visitor, we were directed with the numbers allowed.

Congratulations all



# Key Information

Monday 06 November - Thursday 09 November

## **DIA-EH KHDA/DSIB School Inspection**

Wish us luck as we complete our annual inspection. You can support us by ensuring your children arrive on-time and prepared for learning!

Friday 10 November & Monday 13 November

## **Online Parent Teacher Conferences (PTCs)**

There will be no school for students on these days. A link to bookings and relevant information has been sent to all families.

Friday 10 November

## **PADIA Wild Wadi Event**

Please join us for an exclusive community event. Information is provided further in this newsletter!

Tuesday 14 November - Thursday 16 November

## **ACER IBT Arabic Testing**

All students in Year 7 - 10 will complete an online standardized test in Arabic. This is a mandatory element of our external KHDA benchmarking requirements.

Thursday 16 November

## **Innoventures Got Talent**

Information regarding registrations and auditions has been sent. Please join us for a community celebration of our talented Year 5 to Year 13 students.

Thursday 17 November

## **Gaza Fundraising Day & Walkathon**

Information will be shared regarding our fundraising efforts through the Innoventures GIVE charity. We will also be holding our annual Walkathon as part of the Dubai 30x30 initiative.



# ADHD Unconference

**"Energy Radiator" and "Let Me Eat My Apple!": Celebrating ADHD Awareness Day on November 2nd, DIA marked this Day with an unconference that brought together students and teachers to discuss their experiences with ADHD. During the event, participating students shared the phrases "Energy Radiator" and "Let Me Eat My Apple," the contexts of which were both endearing and inspiring for our school community. This unique occasion allowed all students to recognize their strengths and embrace themselves for who they truly are.**

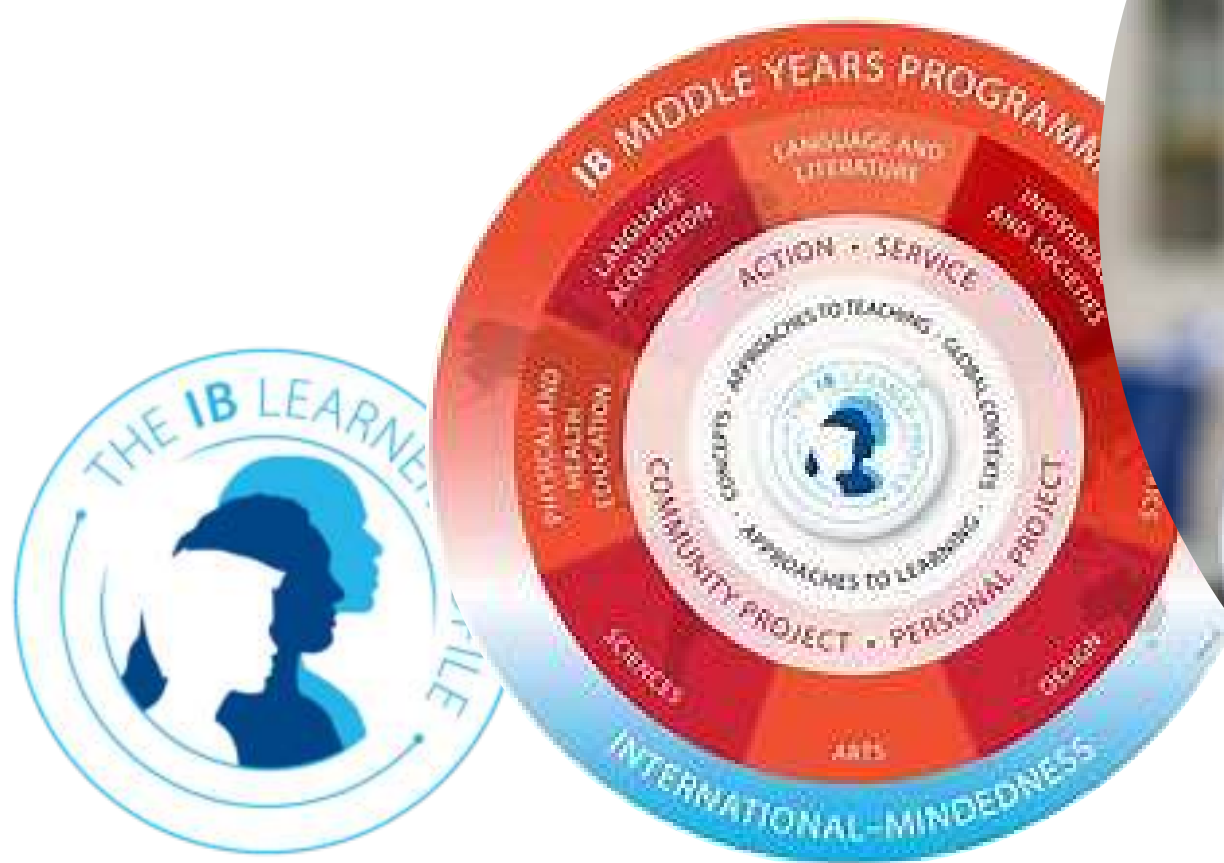
*Celebrating  
our  
Diverse  
Community*

CELEBRATE





# Year 10 MYP Subject Option Evening



On the 26th October, the MYP team organized and led the MYP Subject Option Evening.

During this session, we presented important information about the subject choices for year 10 & 11

We had a fantastic Year 10 Subject Option Evening, where year 9 students and their parents gathered to explore the exciting array of subjects available. The event was a valuable opportunity to share in-depth information about each subject, including details about E-assessments and the pivotal role these choices play in shaping students' future career paths.

Parents were actively engaged in the discussions, asking insightful questions, and gaining a comprehensive understanding of the options available to their children.

To streamline the selection process, a selection form was distributed to parents, enabling them to indicate their preferred subjects. The deadline for making these important decisions is December 4th, and we encourage parents and students to carefully consider their choices as we embark on this exciting academic journey together.



# Year 11 DP Subject Option and career pathways Evening



On the 25th October, the DP/CP team organized and led the DP/CP Subject and Career Pathway Options' Evening.

During this evening, we presented important information about DP, Courses and CP Programmes at DIA-EH. The parents received information on possible subject choices for years 12 & 13 that would suite the different career aspirations of our students.

Then, Year 11 students and their parents had the chance to meet different teachers to answer questions related to their subjects and the possible career pathways related to each subject. Parents were actively engaged in the discussions, asking insightful questions, and gaining a comprehensive understanding of the options available to their children.

Now, parents and students have received "**Subject Option Forms**" and we encourage them to carefully consider their choices as we embark on this exciting academic journey together.

The deadline for making this important decision is **December 4th**.





# Wellbeing & Sport

*Friday 27th October*



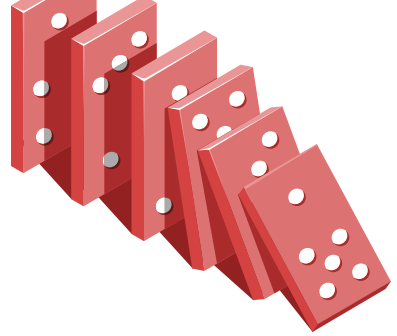
The school was alive with colour on Friday 27th October.

In anticipation of the 2023 Rugby World Cup final between South Africa and New Zealand on Saturday 28th October all students were encouraged to wear the colours of their international heritage. Congratulations to South Africa!

On a very busy day in school there was DP Touch rugby on the field after break, while in the Quad there were various GIVE fundraisers including Girl Up, DIA Interact held a raffle, Arabic A awareness for language, Future Skills Year 8, Key Club CCA, and Student council were all there. Thank you to everyone who was involved.





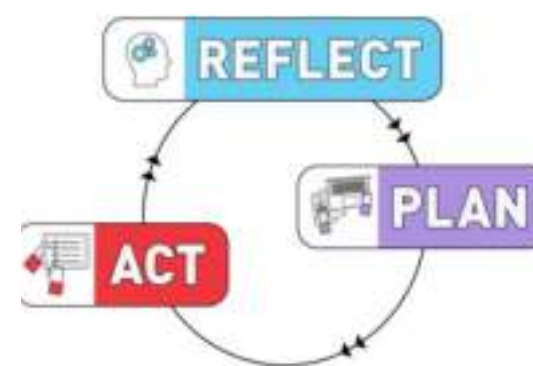


# #Teaching & Learning

## Senior Collapsed Timetable

### Year 12 Collaborative Science Project

Our Year 12 Students will undertake a Collaborative Science Project during the DP Retreat in January, students began planning their research which centers on Sustainability.



The collaborative sciences project (CSP) gives Diploma Programme (DP) and Career-related Programme (CP) students the opportunity to work together in an interdisciplinary team. They work towards a common goal related to a real-world issue, pursued through the lens of the scientific method.

- Making connections between different disciplines
- Developing the ability to approach unfamiliar situations with creativity and resilience
- Designing or modelling solutions to local and global problems in a scientific context
- Developing the ability to communicate and collaborate effectively
- Developing awareness of the ethical, environmental, economic, cultural and social impact of science

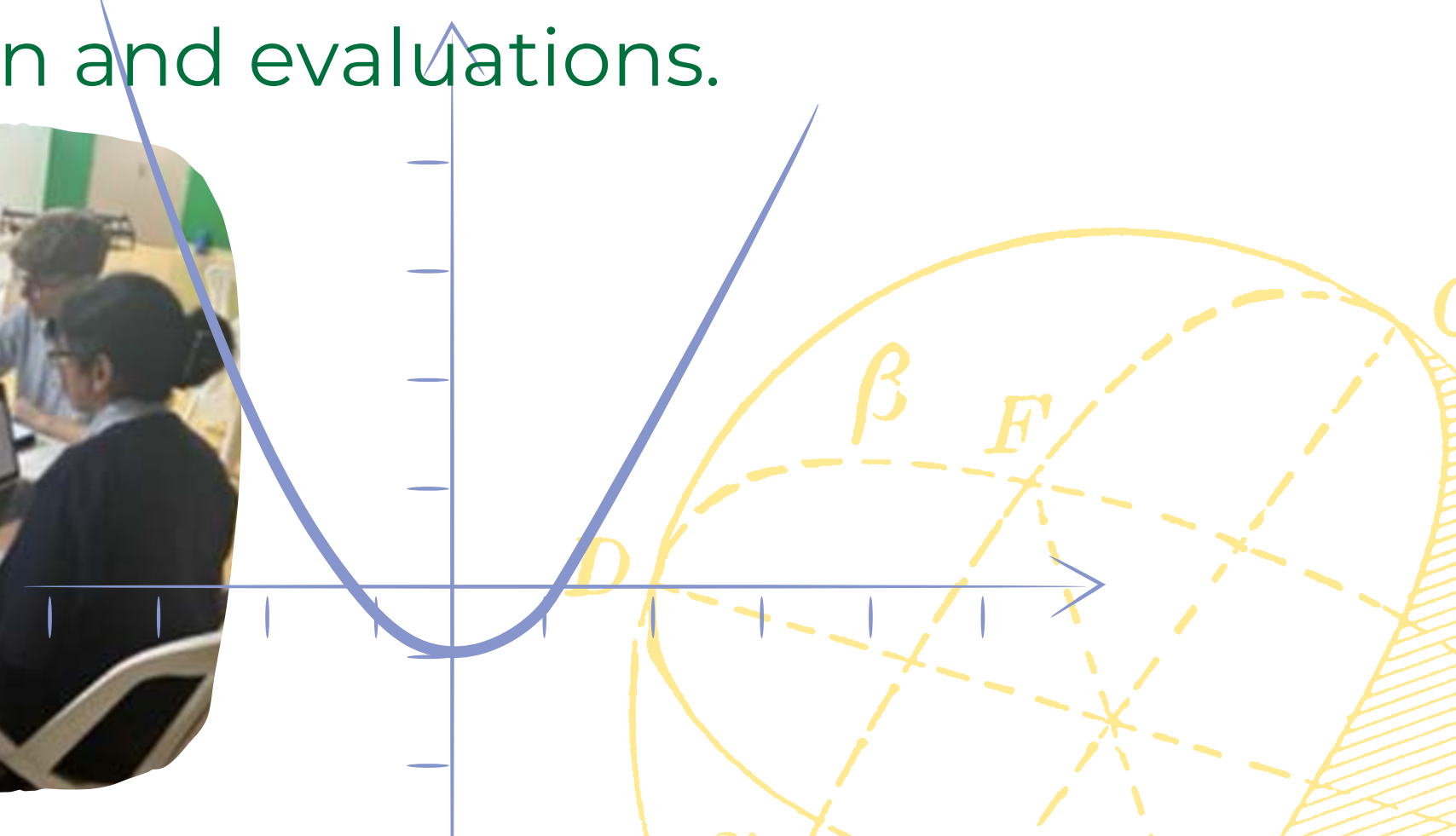


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### Year 13 Maths IA Day

Our Year 13 Students had an opportunity this week to have time off-timetable to focus on refining, formatting and seeking one-to-one help with their mathematics Investigaton.

Students also peer assessed, reflected on past examples and checked their data collection and evaluations.





SPACE/ INTERIOR  
DESIGNING

DESIGN-IDEA SKETCHING  
& FORMAL DRAWING

CAD/ CAM  
TECHNOLOGY

IB Diploma

## Design and Technology

CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT

PHYSICAL  
PROTOTYPING  
SKILLS

USING  
WORKSHOP  
TOOLS & MACHINES

## Digital Societies

DIGITAL MEDIA  
& COMMUNICATION

USING DIGITAL  
TOOLS & PLATFORMS

BUILDING  
TANGIBLE PRODUCTS



DESIGNING  
DATABASES

WEB DESIGNING

JAVA PROGRAMMING

FLOWCHART &  
PROCESS DESIGN

PYTHON  
PROGRAMMING

## Computer Science

### Technology competitions & events



### Meet the Team

Ms. Faryal Arsalan (HOD DP)  
Ms. Ruba Jeshi (MYP Coordinator)  
Ms. Rajani Anoop

Ms. Anuradha Harikrishnan  
Ms. Aparna Ravichandran

Mr. Ateeb Mohammad  
Mr. Daniel Murphy (Deputy Head Pastoral)

Ms. Nithya Sankaran

Ms. Somya Jajor (HOD MYP)

Mr. Stephen Duffy



# LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

¡HOLA!

BONJOUR!

Our aim is to **ENABLE**  
all students **to communicate with the**  
**496,000,000** people who speak  
**Spanish & the**  
**321,000,000** people who speak  
**French in the world**

The passionate, vibrant and international Language team is integrated by 12 teachers from 5 countries and a multicultural spirit. We provide knowledge, skills and fun throughout the MYP and DP journey. Also, we prepare the students to certify their level by obtaining the official language diplomas: DELE and DELF/DALF.

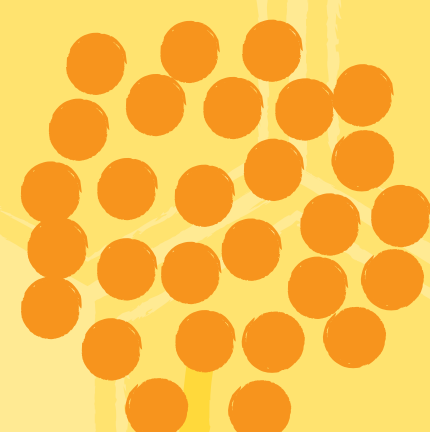
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# BeeKeepers Field Trip







## BeeKeepers Field Trip

Our Year 7 & 8 STEM girls participated in a beekeeping field trip, where they learned the science behind honey making and bee colonies. Part of the field trip included making candles from bee wax, honey tasting, honey extraction, and also how to take care of a bee hive, where they suited up and visited the bees!





# Understanding CAT4

Following the release of our Current Attainment (CA1) Reports on Monday, we felt it important to reshare information related to our Cognitive Ability Testing (CAT4). The Cognitive Abilities Test is a suite of tests that assesses a student’s reasoning (thinking) abilities in key areas that support educational development and academic attainment. CAT4 is the fourth edition of the test and comprises the following sections or batteries which assess different aspects of ability:

## Verbal Reasoning Battery – thinking with words

### Verbal Classification

Three words are presented which are similar in some way or ways. From a selection of five possible answers, the student must identify a fourth word with similar properties.

The answer is snow because rain, fog and sunshine are all types of weather and snow is also a type of weather.

rain		fog		sunshine	
winter	snow	weather	dark	night	

### Verbal Analogies

A pair of connected words is presented alongside a single word. From a selection of five possible answers, the student must select a word to complete the second pair in the same way.

The answer is window, because a carpet goes on a floor and a curtain hangs at a window.

carpet → floor : curtain →				
window	shade	hang	drapes	cloth

## Quantitative (or Numerical) Reasoning Battery – thinking with numbers

### Number Analogies

Two pairs of related numbers are presented. From a selection of five possible answers, the student must select a number to complete a third pair.

The answer is 8. Here 1 add 1 makes 2, but that doesn’t work for the second pair because 5 add 1 is 6, not 10. Instead, you have to multiply by 2 to get the second part of each pair, so 4 times 2 is 8.

[ 1 → 2 ]		[ 5 → 10 ]		[ 4 → ? ]	
5	7	8	9	10	

### Number Series

A sequence of numbers created by a transformation rule is presented. From a selection of five possible answers, the student must identify the rule and continue the sequence.

The answer is 15. There are two number patterns in this series. The first, third and fifth numbers go down by 1 at a time – 18, 17 then 16. The numbers in between them go up by two at a time – 5, 7 then 9. This means the next number must be 16 minus 1, giving 15.

18 5 17 7 16 9 →				
11	12	13	14	15

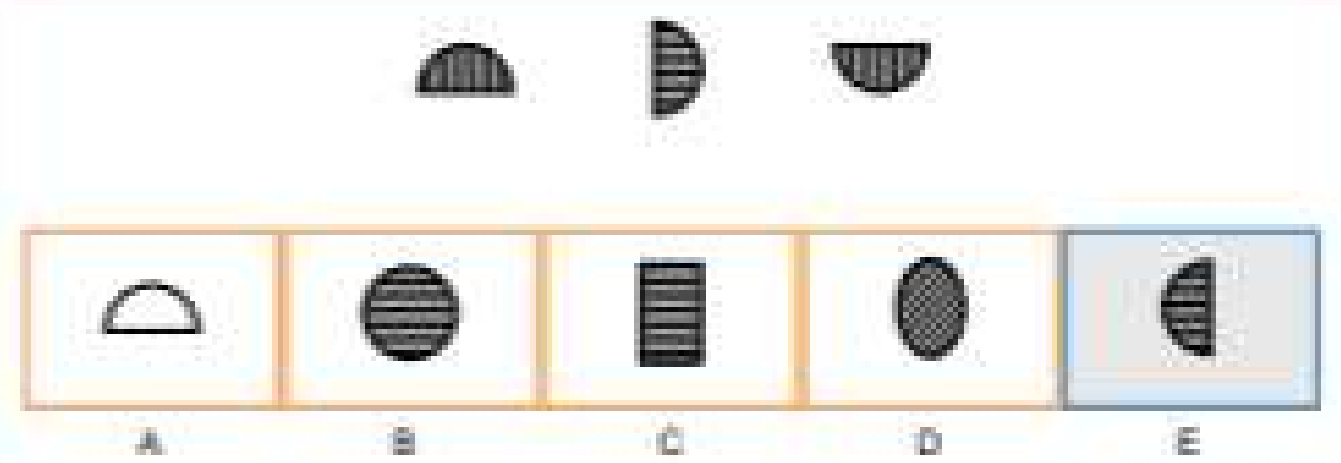


## Non-verbal Reasoning Battery – thinking with shapes

### Figure Classification

Three designs are presented which are similar in some way or ways. From a selection of five possible answers, the student must identify a fourth design with similar properties.

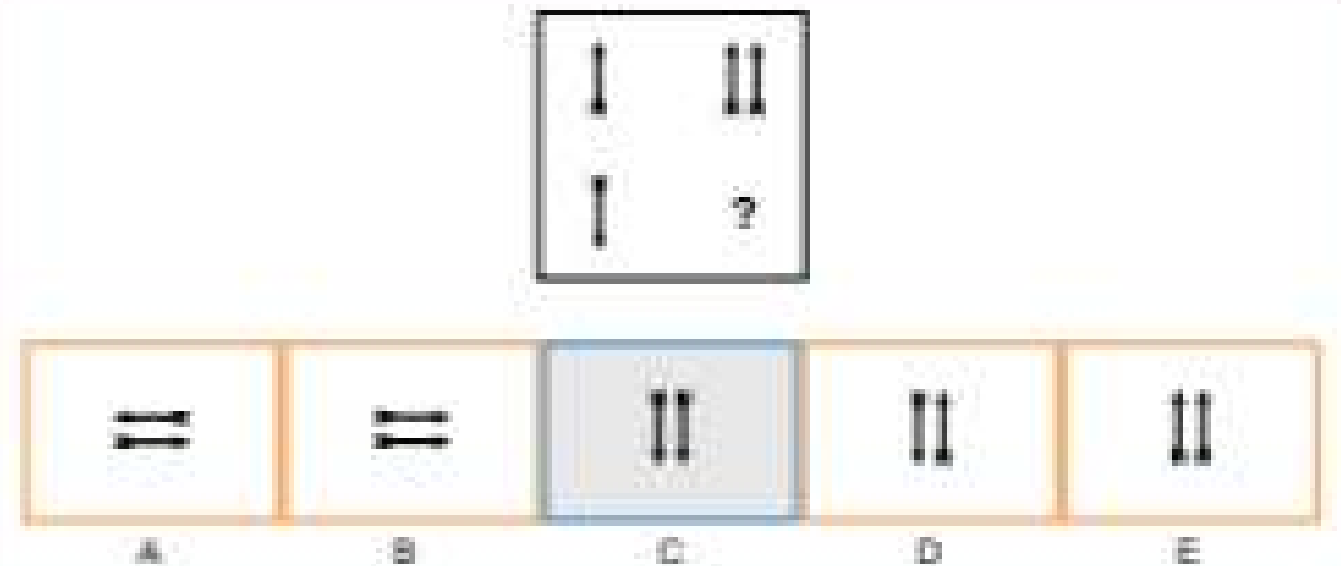
The answer is E because it is the only answer choice that is a striped semi-circle, like the first three figures.



### Figure Matrices

Designs are presented in a grid with one empty square and, from a selection of five possible answers, the student must identify the missing design.

The answer is C because in the top pair 'one arrow up' goes to 'two arrows up', so in the second pair 'one arrow down' must go to 'two arrows down'.

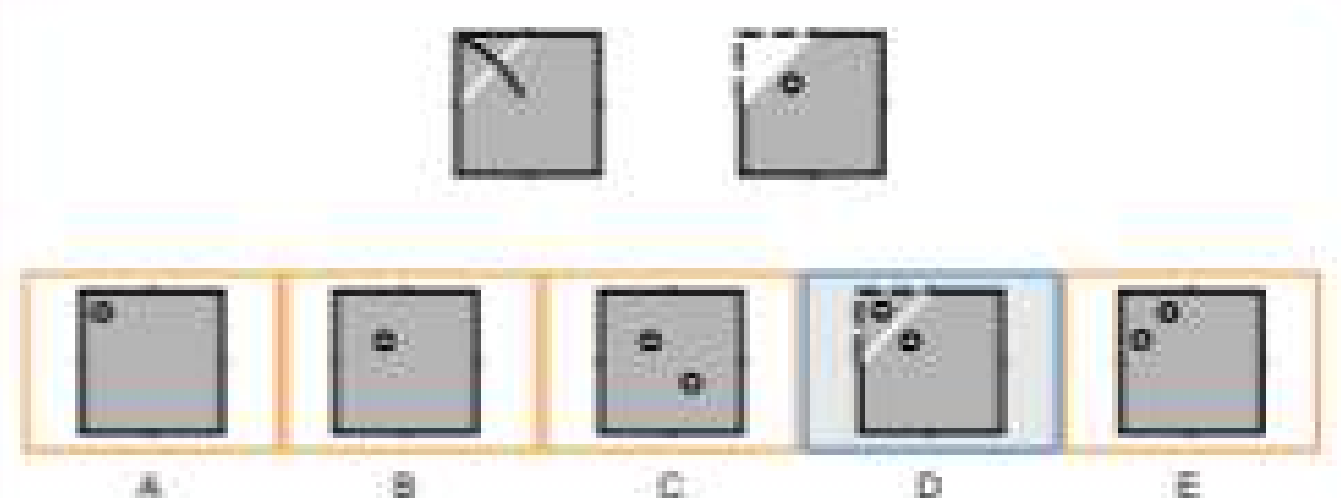


## Spatial Ability Battery – thinking with shape and space

### Figure Analysis

A series of diagrams shows a square being folded repeatedly, and then punched through with holes. From a selection of five possible answers, the student must identify how the paper will appear when unfolded.

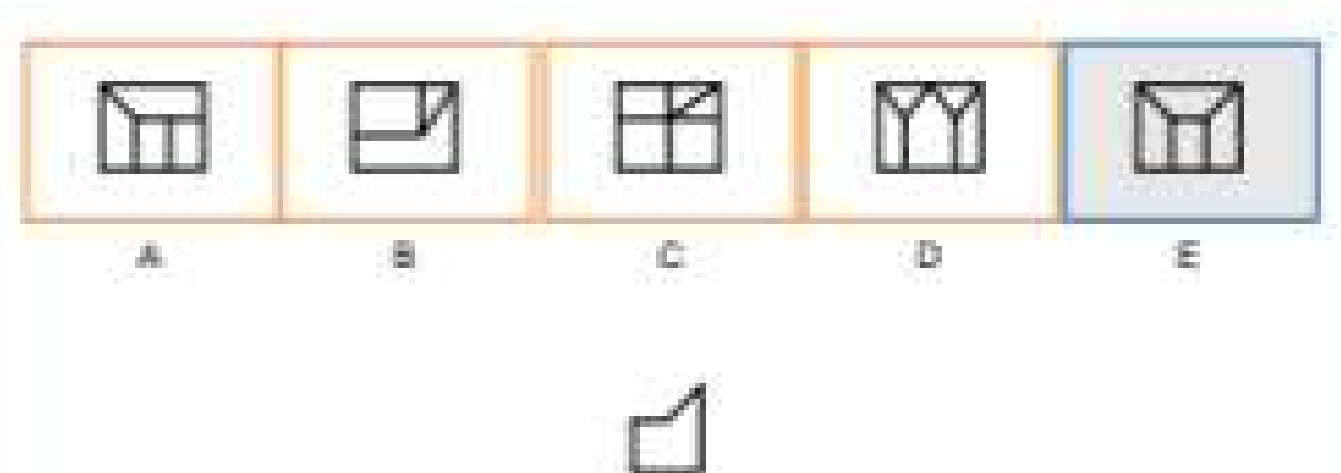
The answer is D. The hole is punched through both layers of paper, so as it is unfolded the holes will be a mirror image of each other, with the crease being the mirror line.



### Figure Recognition

Several complex designs are presented along with a single target shape. From a selection of five possible answers, the student must identify the target shape within one of the complex designs.

The answer is E. It isn't A because that shows the target flipped over. It isn't B or C because they have shapes that are the wrong size.



# Understanding CAT4 & Target Grades

CAT4 provides indicators of attainment for both MYP and DP that provide a starting point for target setting. Targets that challenge students can be set based on CAT4 results and other factors (such as internal subject-based assessments and ATL ratings) play an important part in target setting and progress monitoring. The determination of a target grade is by no means meant to limit or 'cap' a student's attainment. The target grade is meant to indicate the expected potential for each student and this can fluctuate according to different subjects and/or teachers. A discussion with your child's teacher is the best way to understand any given target grade.



# Sport & PHE

## *Passion For Sport*

Hamdan Bin Mohammed Order of Merit Sports Education School awarded to DIA marks our journey in sports as an incredible milestone, and this well-deserved recognition of the collective efforts of the entire school community. It reflects the spirit of teamwork, determination and the unwavering commitment to excellence that runs through the veins of our wider Innoventures Education family!

Congratulations DIA Community!  
#SportsExcellence





# Sport & PHE

## *Passion For Sport*

🎉 Attention DIA Community!



We've had a phenomenal week in sports with outstanding performances across all our teams! From the aquatic agility in swimming, the dynamic dribbling in basketball, the precise power-play in cricket, the enduring energy in cross country, to the fierce footwork in football, our athletes have shown exceptional spirit and skill.

Celebrate our athletes' fantastic results by visiting [www.diadubaisport.com](http://www.diadubaisport.com) for all the highlights!

Go DIA WOLVES!  
#PassionForSport  
#DIADubaiSport #Sport  
#SportsExcellence 🏆





# #DIADubai30x30

☀️ Hey DIA Community! ☀️

Get ready to boost your energy levels with the latest in sports and physical health education (PHE)! Don't miss out on the excitement of @Dubai30x30 - a city-wide initiative that encourages us all to embrace a more active lifestyle.

Join us for the #DIADubai30x30 activities tailor-made for our community. Let's show our spirit, get moving, and most importantly, have fun together! Mark your calendars and be part of the action.

Upcoming events here:  
<https://linktr.ee/diadubaisport>

See you there!

#StayActiveDIA #Dubai30x30  
#DIADubai30x30  
#JoinTheMovement 🏃🏃🏃🏆





# DIA Pastoral Care

## Managing Test Anxiety - Student Support Session

Dubai International Academy welcomed Pretha Madhavan (M. Psych) from The Lighthouse Arabia Center for Wellbeing as a guest speaker on Thursday 2nd November. During this session, Pretha hosted an assembly with students in Year 11, Year 12, and Year 13 under the theme of 'outsmarting test anxiety.'

Pretha shared valuable insights and practical strategies, empowering students to effectively manage stress during exams. Her engaging presentation emphasized mental resilience and equipped students with essential tools to navigate test-related anxiety.

We extend our thanks to Pretha Madhavan and The Lighthouse Arabia for their invaluable contribution to our students' wellbeing.





# My Myster

## Secondary School Short Story Writing Contest



🌀 JUDGING IN PROCESS

Breaking  
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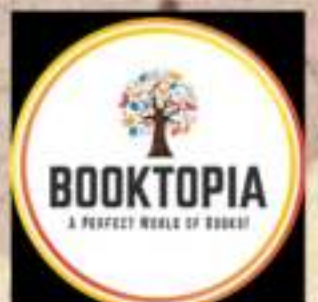


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soon...



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INTERNATIONAL  
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WIN BOOKTASTIC PRIZES  
FROM BOOKTOPIA





# Careers & College Counselling

Lower MYP: Years 7, 8 & 9



# STRESS

How students approach assessments now can help them later in higher-stakes tests!

1. Talk to teachers to prioritize learning & work load
2. Use current MYP tests as practice in creating good habits
3. Study with FRIENDS to make learning fun!



**Conversation Starters:** Use these helpful questions to open communication between parents and teens.

**How do you know when you need to “Blow off some steam”?**





# Careers & College Counselling

Higher MYP & DP/CP: Yr 10, 11, 12 & 13

## TEST STRESS



We all have pressure and expectation to  
**PERFORM**

but did you ever stop to think...

Benefit  
of  
stress

***Motivation***

***Alertness***

***Builds Strength***

***Adaptation***

- 1) Recognize
- 2) Coping Strategies
- 3) Plan + Organize
- 4) Overcome





# COLLABORATION FOR IMPACT. E-WASTE COLLECTION DRIVE

## #PARTNERSHIPFORCHANGE

At Enviroserve, we strongly believe in the importance of environmental education. We are joining forces for an extensive E-waste recycling awareness campaign towards empowering and educating the future generations on the environmental impact of E-Waste to shape a greener future.



Oct 24 - Nov 24  
2023



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**DUBAI INTERNATIONAL  
ACADEMY - EXCLUSIVE  
EVENT**

**7:00  
PM** | **Nov 10,  
2023**

*20% OFF on Food & Beverages and Wild Wadi Retail Outlets*

**P A D I A**

**Initiative**

**7:00-10:00 PM**

 **Wild Wadi Waterpark**  
Next to Burj Al Arab, Jumeirah

***Tickets @ AED 100 per person***

***Last Day to pay - Oct 31st, 2023***

*Payment link sent via school email*





# Who should I contact?

A guide to help streamline Year 7 communication.



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