

Socondary School









Head of Secondary Message



Hi all,

We have managed to cram so much into the last week and a half! From MYP parent workshops on assessment, to the first ever DIACOP28, the place never rests.

We have been working on the NPS survey suggestions over the last few weeks and have started to use the Parent Calendar on Managebac. Here you will find details on event that you can get involved in. We will attempt to start streaming information sessions where we can.

If you have yet to complete the NPS survey - please check you inbox as every link is unique. We appreciate your feedback and thank you to all the parents who have taken the time to fill this in.

Have a great long weekend,

Michelle



Thursday 19 October & Friday 20 October

Mid-term Break

There is no school for staff or students on these days. We will welcome students back on Monday 23 October.

Wednesday 25 October

Year 11 into 12 Subject Options Evening

Year 11 parents are invited to our DP/CP Subject Options Evening. You will learn more about each programme, explore career pathways, and ask questions of key staff in order to make more informed decisions for Year 12. Please check your email for more detailed information.

Thursday 26 October

Year 9 into 10 Subject Options Evening

Year 9 parents are invited to our MYP Subject Options Evening. You will learn more about the choices to be made for Year 10, explore how this leads into career pathways, and ask questions of key staff in order to make more informed decisions for Year 10. Please check your email for more detailed information.

Monday 30 October

Secondary School Early Closure

The Secondary School will close early for staff professional development. Students will be dismissed at 12.35pm.

Monday 30 October

Current Attainment (CA1) Report Issued

The first report of this academic year will be released via the iSAMS Parent Portal. Please contact helpdesk@diadubai.com if you do not have access.

Thursday 02 November

Year 9 MYP to DP/CP Awareness Workshop

Join us in the Presentation Hall to learn more about the pathways and transition into Year 10 and beyond.

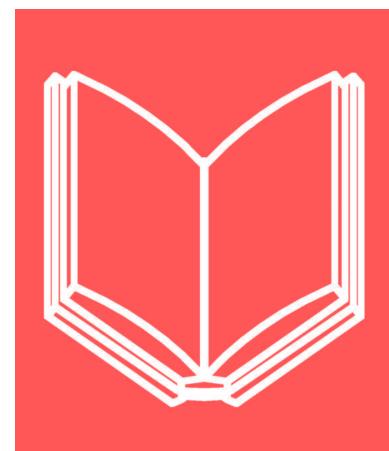


MYP, DP, & CP









MYP3 (Year 9)

Students have begun to consider subject choices for next year and lots of them are meeting with the career counceler Mr. Stewart pinkerton. The students will have a session with the MYP coordinator on Mon 23rd Oct before the parents' option session on Thursday 26th Oct.

MYP 5 (year 11)

Students have also started thinking of their DP/CP options and parents are meeting with a member of the IB team to discuss the options based on the future career aspiration. This will be followed by the the parents' option session on Wednesday 25th Oct.



September has been a wonderfully action filled month Curriculum wise, there have certainly been a few busy weeks where assessments seem to come classrooms is of course the thick and fast, with students' ever developing organisational skills being put to good use!

The rich learning going on in our highlight for our students. There is so much more to celebrate and share from our: sports lessons, classrooms, trips and even extracurricular activities.

REGISTRATIONS

The MYP, DP & CP IB registrations for year 11 and 13 May 2024 Examination session is in the process of being completed.





STUDENTS VOICE V



We are in the process of creating a Curriculum Student Survey to gather feedback and insights about students' experiences with the curriculum they are following. The survey will cover various aspects of the curriculum, such as course materials, teaching methods, assessments, and overall satisfaction with the educational program.

We look forward to analysing all the feedback as we continue to embrace student voice in curriculum decision making wherever possible





Inclusion hews Dyslexia Awareness Day Celebrations

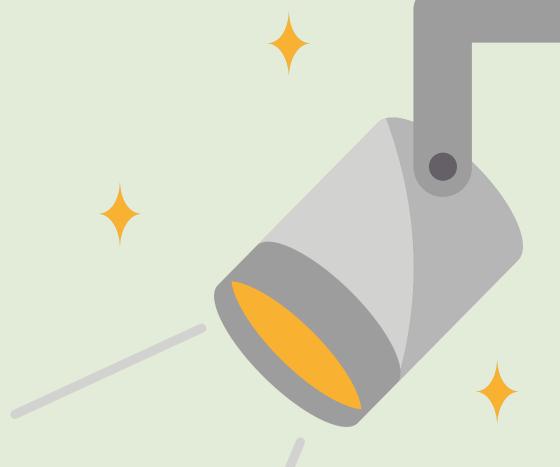


In the continued spirit of celebrating our diverse community, DIA embraced dyslexia awareness day by styling in red on Friday, 6th October. As part of spreading the awareness, a teacher training was delivered to review the significance of literacy and reading. Teachers also have the opportunity to enroll in a course to understand dyslexia and explore the science of reading, A free version of this course is also available for parents for enrolment until October 30 2023. Understanding the science of reading can guide teachers and parents alike to enhance literacy skills for our learners.





Lower MYP: Years 7, 8 & 9



Spotlight on Year 8 ALPHA

This month we celebrated last year's amazing accomplishments of our Year 8 ALPHA students. These students completed an inspiring range of independent studies; from learning Swahili; learning to code Python; and gaining advanced skills in Microsoft Excel. They did this in tandem with reading a course text, learning to promote their work digitally, learning about future careers...and completing all their other regular Year 7 work!



Atharv Shah, Morgan De Wit, Rishi Dighe, Sara Johnson, Richard Koval, Perla Sidhom, Ryan Hoef (absent from photo), Vihana Gaidhani (absent from photo)

Our younger ALPHA students were very busy indeed!

Congratulations on graduating from ALPHA last year and welcome to another great year full of achievement and opportunity!

Ms. Maeve McKeogh

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Lower MYP: Years 7, 8 & 9



How can MYP students stay engaged with their learning? How can they gain intrinsic motivation for success in school?



Make Learning Fun: BBC Bitesize Learning (link)

Relate Learning to Real Life: Khan Academy Online Courses, Lessons & Practice (link)

Encourage Curiosity: Learn through wonder (link)

Positive Feedback: Provide constructive feedback to maintain self-esteem and motivation.

Set Goals and Celebrate Achievements: Help students set achievable short-term and long-term goals. Recognize and celebrate their accomplishments, no matter how small.

Peer Collaboration: Support teamwork with classmates, and collaborative studying where students can learn from and support each other.

Encourage Reflection: Encourage students to reflect on their learning, and to identify their strengths and struggles, likes and dislikes.

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

MYP: What's the coolest thing you wish you could learn more about?

DP/CP: Who are your role models, and what qualities do you admire in them?



Careers & College Counselling

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

How can teens develop academic and personal resilience in the face of obstacles and failures?



Growth Mindset:

Encourage students to adopt a growth mindset, believing that their abilities and intelligence can grow and develop with effort and perseverance.

Positive Self-Talk:

Teach the importance of positive self-talk and self-compassion.

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Goal Setting:

Encourage setting specific and achievable academic and personal goals.

Emotional Regulation:

Provide strategies for managing emotions, such as exercise, deep breathing, mindfulness, meditation, etc.

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TED Resilience

Resilience Building:

Support activities, like journaling, openly discussing challenges, and seeking support from counsellors or peers.

FUTURE FOCUS: A regular feature here to learn trends & up-and-coming careers!



The Increasing Demand for **Environmentally Focused Careers:**

1. Environmental Industry Growth: The environmental sector is experiencing robust growth

2. Job Opportunities: Environmental Engineers, Sustainability Managers, Renewable Energy Specialists, Environmental Scientists, Conservationists

3. Key Industries: Renewable energy, clean tech, sustainable agriculture, waste management, green building

4. Global Relevance: International projects and clients

(link)

Harvard Business Review article: How To Build A Career In Sustainability

Wellbeing news

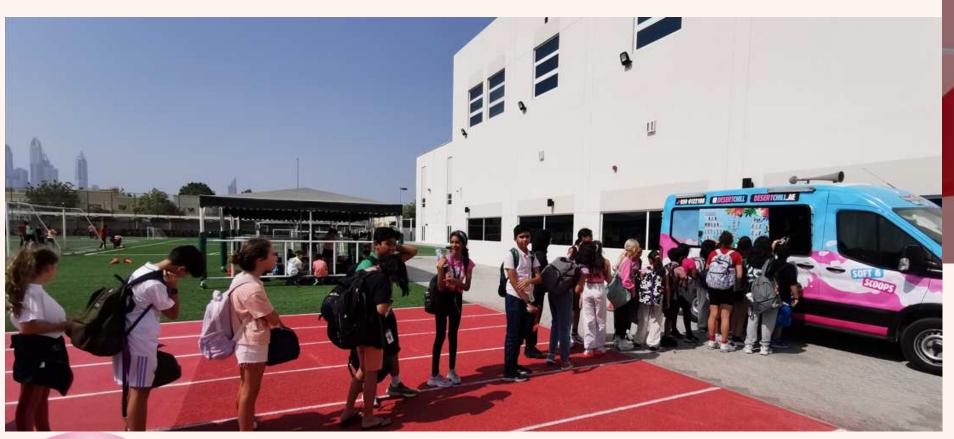




Breast Cancer Awareness 'Pink Day' - October 18th

On Wednesday October 18th DIA Emirates Hills celebrated 'Pink Day' as a way of looking a Breast Cancer Awareness. Everyone was tasked with wear somthing pink for the day, and some were very clever using the word pink instead of the colour... a young man in Year 9 with a Pink Floyd t-shirt comes to mind.









Along with wearing pink we were graced woth the presence of two ice cream trucks where there were lots of treats on offer.

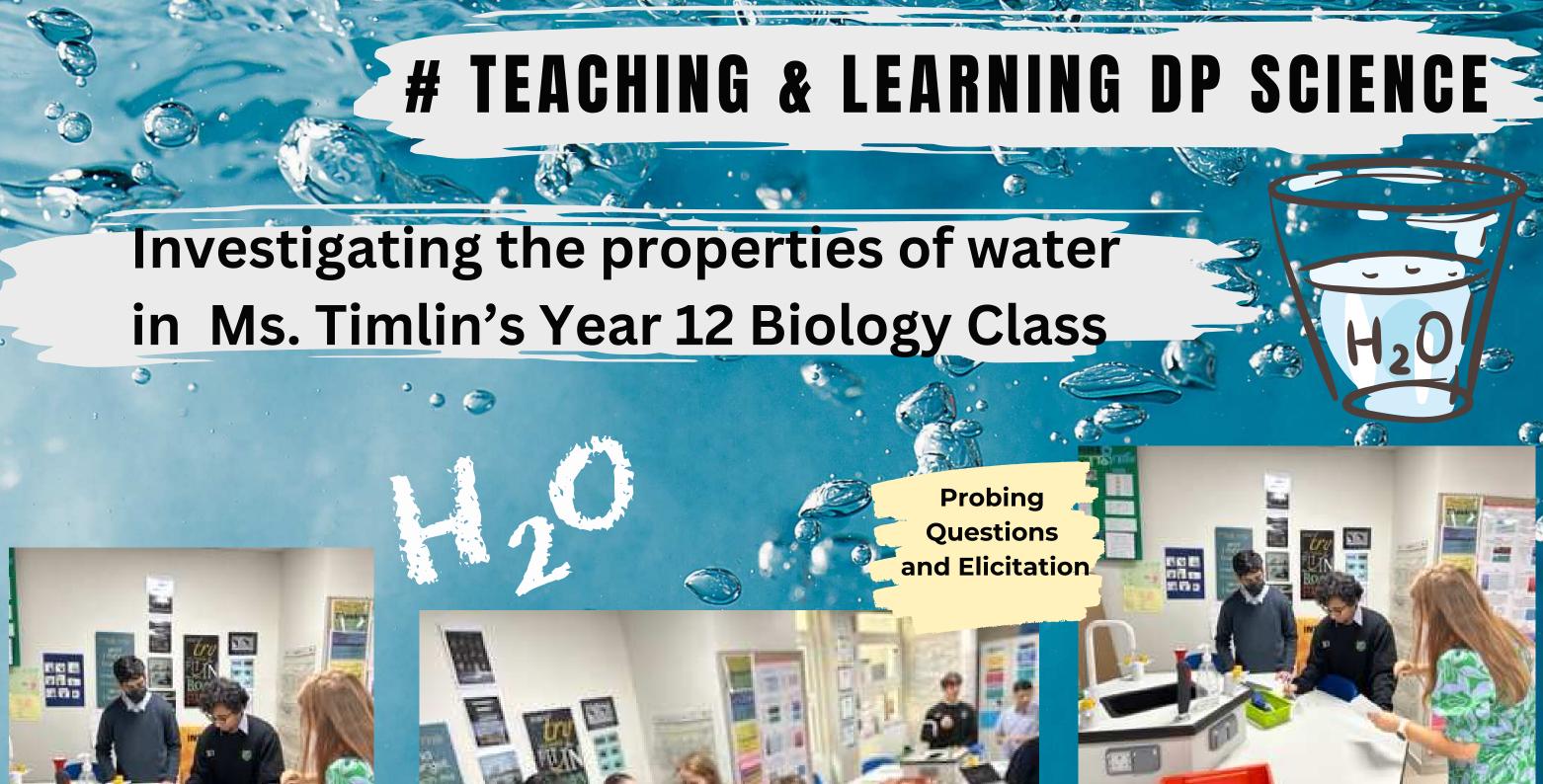


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ITALIAN MOTHER TONGUE





Facilitation of groups, offering expertise,

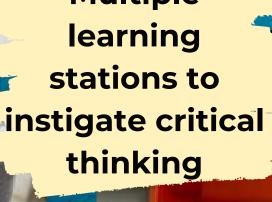


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Collaborative learning engagements, developing hypotheses, discussing outcomes, learning through inquiry

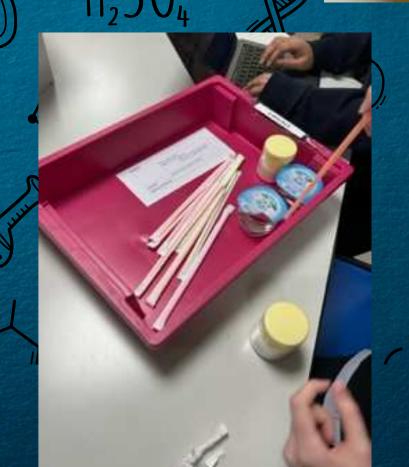


Visible Learning checks to determine students' progress

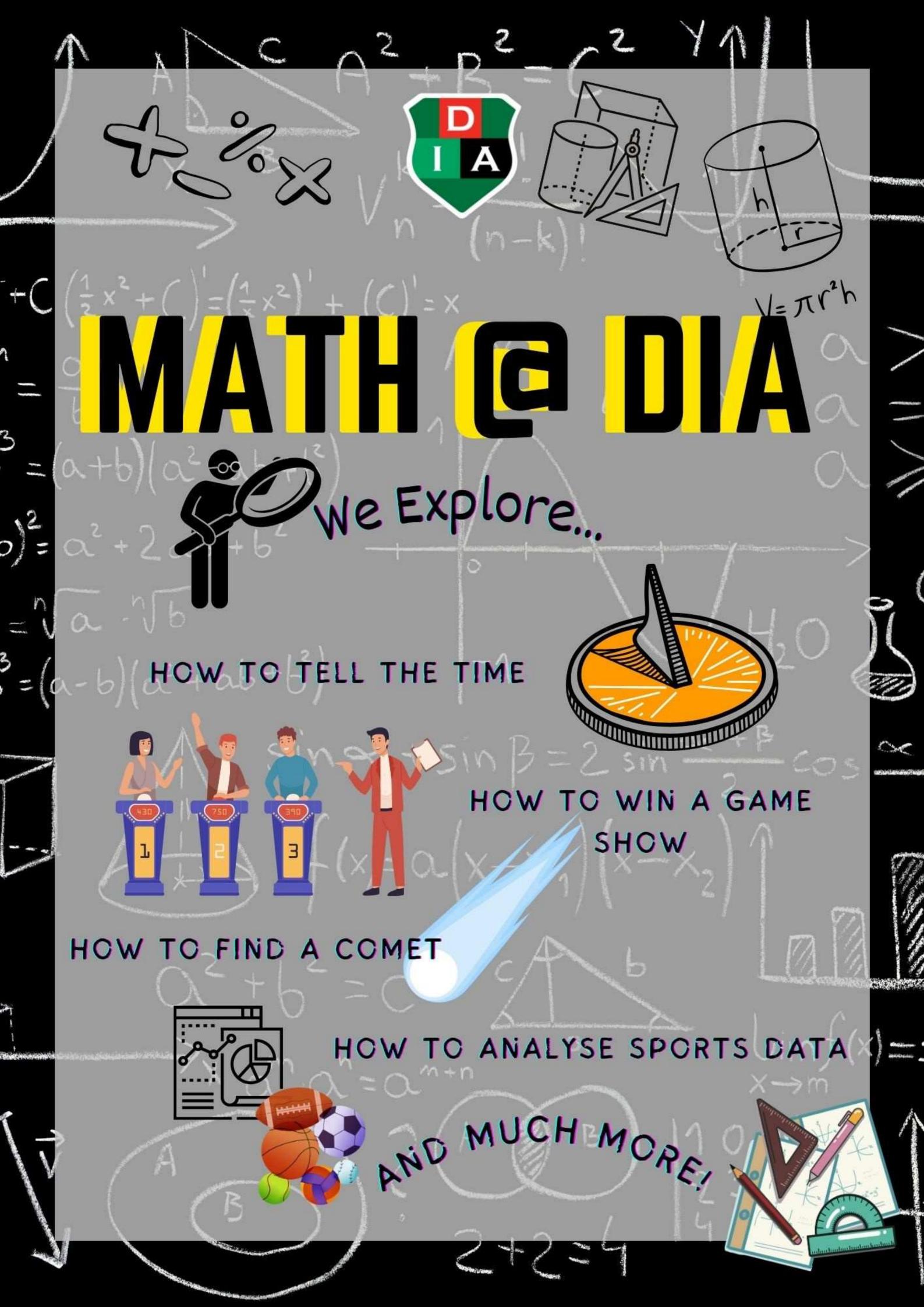


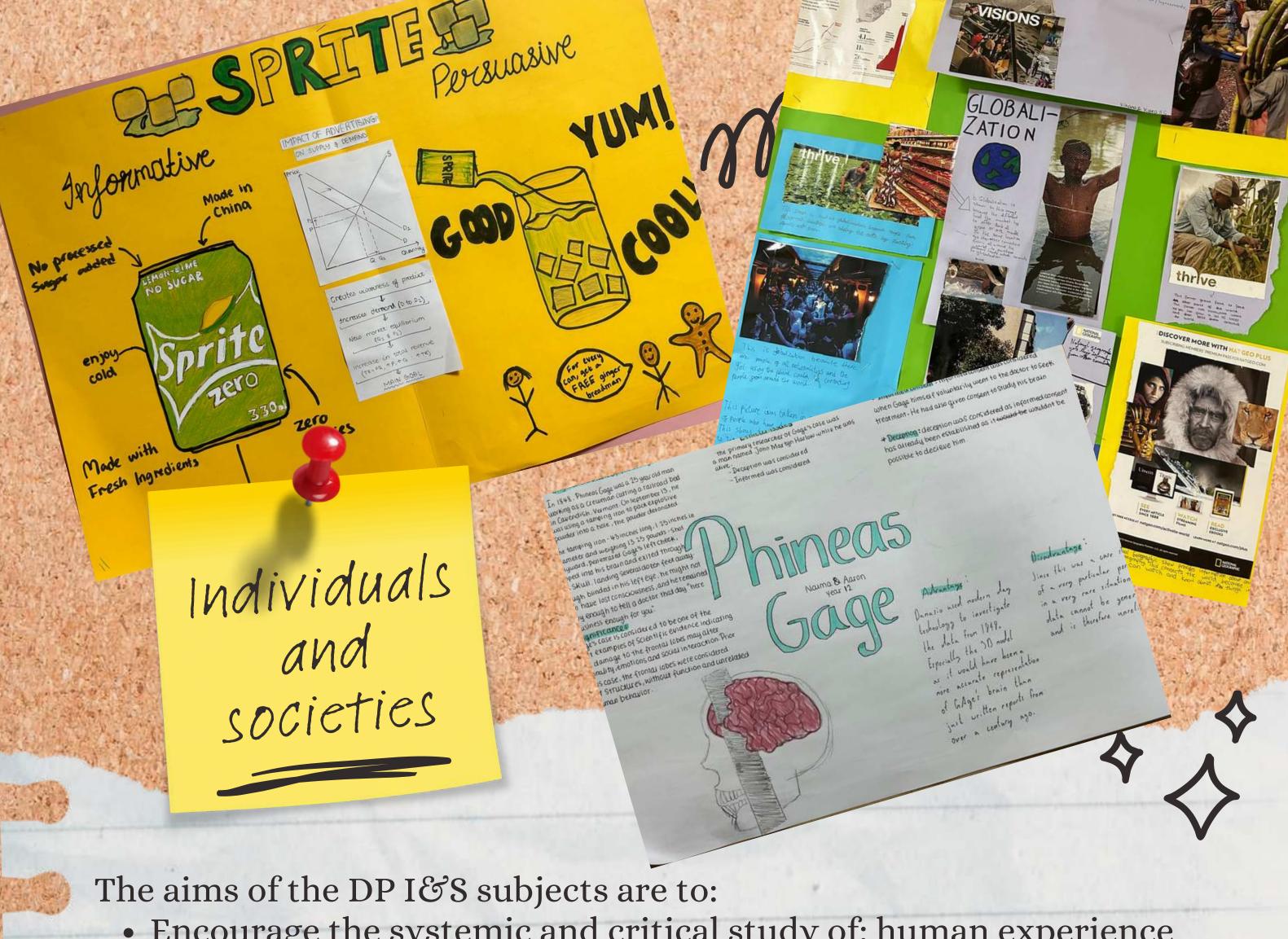
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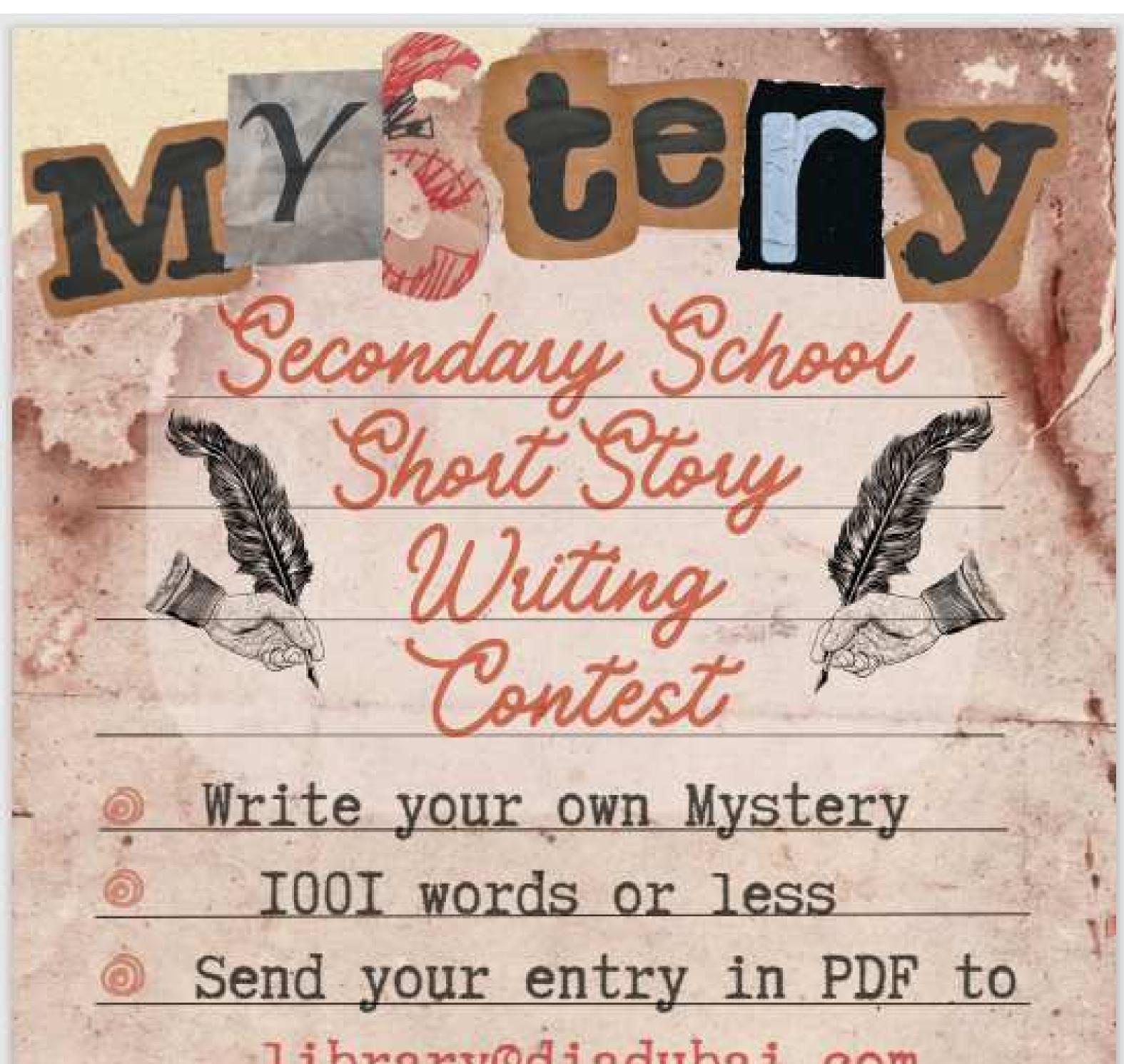


• Encourage the systemic and critical study of: human experience and behaviour; physical, economic and social environments; the history and development of social and cultural institutions.

• Develop in the student the capacity to identify, to analyse critically and to evaluate theories, concepts and arguments about the nature and activities of the individual and society.

• Enable the student to collect, describe and analyse data used in studies of society, to test hypotheses and interpret complex data





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Submission deadline: 26 October



WIN BUNKTASTIC PRIZES FROM BOOKTOPIA

30 October - 3 November Bookfair

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BOCKFAIR

30 OCTOBER-3 NOVEMBER 2023

DUBAI INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY EMIRATES HILLS. 8AM-3PM

Come, join us at our book adventure of the year by Booktopia & choose from a vast range of books

BOARD BOOKS! CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS! ACTIVITY BOOKS! BOOKS BOX SETS! FICTION TEEN FICTION | ENCYCLOPEDIAS | SELF IMPROVEMENT & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT BOOKS







On Friday the DIA-EH Eco club team hosted the International first annual Dubai Academy Conference of the Parties, or DIACOP. This event was a model conference that takes inspiration from the global COP28 event, being held in Dubai later this year and included all the Innoventures schools. The group focused event environmental sustainability and climate change solutions. Throughout the day, the students took part in a choice of 4 activities; debate, architecture of sustainable city models, journalism and solution based problem solving. Participants worked from a global level where they debated on international climate issues down to local issues and workable solutions to some of the most pressing issues our planet faces.

The student team, with Ishana Bhatia (Y12) at the helm as Executive Secretary, worked incredibly hard under a very tight time budget to come up with the plan, aims and a motto of "where actions define the future". The core team recruited many Y12's and Y13's to be part of the student officer team and whether delegate or officer, DIACOP offered a unique opportunity for student's personal growth and skill development. We hope that the progress made in DIACOP will contribute to the ongoing of school's goal becoming significantly more sustainable and reducing our impact on the environment.











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



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





2ND HAND UNIFORM SALE UNIFORM SALE

20AED/ITEM CASH ONLY

27TH OCT & 3RD NOV 7:30AM-9:00AM LOCATION: CAFETERIA

ENQUIRY: diarecycle@gmail.com

Donations welcomed





Sport & PHE Passion For Sport

The teams have been doing amazing in the second and third weeks of the season! Our U16 and U19 Boys and Girls Basketball teams had a clean sweep at the Innoventures Education Secondary Basketball Championship. Our U13 Boys Cricket team is a finalist in the Cricket 7s.

Plus, our primary and secondary football teams secured



























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