





Arabella and her big sister

# Head of Primary's Message

Dear DIA families,

## ☀️ CCA Allocations – A Strong Start

This week we launched our CCA allocations with 90% of students who applied currently allocated at least 1 of their choices. If you are not planning to attend a club, please do email to withdraw

If you are seeking an after-school club on a particular day to align with sibling pick-up, I recommend looking at our paid CCAs, which run throughout the week and may provide the bespoke flexibility you need.

A reminder that students who were allocated over-subscribed clubs will not be able to repeat them next term, ensuring fairness and broader access and for students who do not attend regularly, access to the club may be withdrawn.

## ⚽ Squad Communication – A New Approach

This week we also looked at how we communicate squad allocations. As recent as last week, announcements were sent year-wide, regardless of trial attendance. To minimise emails, we will now announce by adding selected students to a Toddle group.

Here's an important message from Ms. Katie, Head of PE and Competitive Sport:

*"Thank you to everyone who has participated in trials so far this year. We have been astounded by the amount of participation and the standard of our young athletes.*

*I understand the disappointment that can be associated with not being selected. Our squads are competitive and if your child has been successful, you have been added to a Toddle group. This has been done for Netball, Football, Aquathon and Swimming. Training will start next week (15th September), along with open clubs. If your child has not yet had their swim lesson / trial due to Friday being a non-school day, please do not worry, we will pick them up in lessons and invite them if they meet the standard for the squad. If you have not been added to a Toddle, this means that unfortunately your child was not selected on this occasion. If this is the case, we continue to provide alternative options:*

*Football – Open Football Club every Friday at 6:30AM*

*Netball – Open Netball Club every Friday at 6:30AM*

*Joining an external club may also be an option, and we have many providers at school as part of our paid CCA provision.*

*During PE lessons and squad training we are emphasizing resilience. This skill is crucial and we need parental support with this. Sometimes students are unsure how to deal with setbacks, and it is important to help them understand that non selection is not the end. Instead, it is an opportunity to build determination, to discuss goals, and to learn how to move past disappointment. There are more sports throughout the year that students will be able to trial for and through our open clubs, CCAs, PE lessons, sports days etc. there are plenty of opportunities to shine."*

In line with Ms. Katie, I ask for your support in helping to manage both expectations and reactions to these results. The trial process is designed not only to select members for the clubs but also to give children valuable experience in presenting themselves, performing under pressure, and showing resilience when faced with outcomes that may not go their way. These are essential life skills that will benefit them far beyond school.

## 🚗 Drop-Off Observations – A Reminder from Dubai Police

This morning we were joined by the Dubai Police for drop-off, and they shared some simple but important observations. The key message: some parents need to speed up their routines. To facilitate this, children should be ready with their bags on laps, and parents can train their children so that the parent can remain in the car. Please also remember that we provide a generous staff led, 35 minute drop-off window at the Kiss and Drop. The gate closes sharp at 7:35AM without exception, as staff need to transfer to the late desk.

## 🌙 Celebrating The Prophet Mohammed's (PBUH) Birthday

Today we celebrate the birthday of The Prophet Mohammed (PBUH), a significant moment in the Islamic calendar. On this day, we praise the Prophet's life through stories, sermons, or poetry. Families gather and share time together with dates, maamoul, and Duaa—the act of communicating directly with Allah. A special thank you to our Islamic team and community for guiding us through this special time.

I wish all families well in the time you spend the long weekend together.

Kind regards,  
Tom

# EXTRA EXTRA! EXTRA!



KG1

YEAR 3

# STUDENT LEADERSHIP

KG2

YEAR 4

YEAR 1

YEAR 5

YEAR 2

YEAR 6



## NOTICES

### Year Level WhatsApp Link

KG1 - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FPcAS8itFTD5JjGnHPvcPm>

KG2 - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/DSpbeRmfEmhLmQCCHxEFcC>

Year 1 - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/ljl5Z6pvS61ChXJ9smTAtE>

Year 2 - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LJg5XVAuohrLaNCZm2e1vn>

Year 3 - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/IJb8NEd39VP6wZi9m5pLG6>

Year 4 - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/BF2sxBmB2jP10L97WzK0P7>

Year 5 - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/KpC3vOjX0bJLUbrJQVp8Wt>

Year 6 - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/GbKJUQr64a9LUHuL11fvmw>



SEPTEMBER 2025

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## Dubai International Academy, Emirates Hills Calendar Outline 2025-2026 - UPDATED

SMT return to School for Orientation and Training	13 August 2025
HODs, Subject leaders, HOYs and Year level leaders return to School for Orientation and Training	14 August 2025
Teachers return to School for Orientation and Training	18 August 2025
Primary School 'Hopes & Dreams'	25 August 2025
Secondary School new students orientation All Year 7, 11 and 13 students orientation	25 August 2025
Lessons start for KG2 – Year 13 students	26 August 2025
KG1 settling in programme	25 – 29 August 2025
Prophet Mohammad's birthday* (No school for students and staff)	4 September 2025
Mid-term Break	13 – 17 October 2025
Parent Teacher Consultations KG1 – Year 6 (No school for PS students)	3 November 2025
Parent Teacher Online Consultations Year 7 – 13 (No school for SS students)	10 November 2025
Parent Teacher Consultations Year 7 – 13 (No school for SS students)	21 November 2025
UAE National Day (No school for students and staff)	2 – 3 December 2025
Winter Break	08 December 2025 – 2 January 2026
Lessons start for KG1 – Year 13 students	5 January 2026
Parent Teacher Online Consultations Year 11 – 13 (No school for SS students)	6 February 2026
Ramadan begins*	18 February 2026
Parent Teacher Consultations KG1 – Year 6 (No school for PS students)	12 March 2026
Spring Break	16 -27 March 2026
Parent Teacher Consultations Year 7 – 10 (No school for SS students)	22 April 2026
Eid Al Adha* (No school for students and staff)	26 – 29 May 2026
Hijri New Year* (No school for students and staff)	16 June 2026
End of Year for Students and Teachers	3 July 2026
Please note that all dates are correct at the time of writing and could be subject to change owing to the lunar calendar and government announcements for public holidays.	

# 09 SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
24	25 PS HOPES & DREAMS KG1-Y6 PADIA 2 <sup>ND</sup> HAND UNIFORM SALE; FOYER 8:00-10:00 AM	26 LESSON STARTS YEAR 1-6 KG1-2 SETTLLING IN PROGRAM 26-29 AUG VARIUOUS AUDITIONS - 26-28 AUG - REFER EMAIL COMMS	27 KG1-2 SETTLLING IN PROGRAM 26-29 AUG PADIA 2 <sup>ND</sup> HAND UNIFORM SALE, FOYER 8:00-10:00 AM VARIUOUS AUDITIONS - 26-28 AUG - REFER EMAIL COMMS	28 KG1-2 SETTLLING IN PROGRAM 26-29 AUG VARIUOUS AUDITIONS - 26-28 AUG - REFER EMAIL COMMS	29 KG1-2 SETTLLING IN PROGRAM 26-29 AUG KENYA TRIP 2ND PAYMENT DEADLINE 29.08 AUDITION RESULTS	30 CCA TERM 1 - SOCS LINK OPENS TO INDICATE PREFERENCES
31	01 CAT4 (YEAR2-3), NEW & NGRT ASSESSMENT	02 CAT4 (YEAR2-3), NEW & NGRT ASSESSMENT CCA SOCS SIGN UP CLOSES 	03 CAT4 (YEAR2-3), NEW & NGRT ASSESSMENT PROPHET'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS (CLASSROOMS) Y1-6	04 CAT4 (YEAR2-3), NEW & NGRT ASSESSMENT	05 PROPHET'S BIRTHDAY* NO SCHOOL FOR PS 	06
07	08 TEACHER LED AND PAID CCA TERM 1 BEGINS PS PADIA CLASS REPS COFFEE MORNING KG1-Y6 CANTEEN 7.45 AM	09	10	11	12 PADIA NEW PARENTS COFFEE MORNING, CANTEEN 7.45 AM	13
14 WSG PRIMARY 14-17 SEP, UK	15 WSG PRIMARY 14-17 SEP, UK PS PARENT INFO SESSION - YEAR 1-2, CANTEEN 7.45 AM	16 WSG PRIMARY 14-17 SEP, UK PS PARENT INFO SESSION - YEAR 3-4, CANTEEN 7.45 AM	17 WSG PRIMARY 14-17 SEP, UK PS PARENT INFO SESSION - YEAR 5-6, CANTEEN 7.45 AM	18 PS PARENT INFO SESSION - KG1-2, CANTEEN 7.45 AM	19	20
21	22 26 PS PARENT COFFEE MORNING - INCLUSION DEPT, KG1-Y6, CANTEEN 7.45 AM -	23	24	25	26 HOUSE DAY KG1-Y6	27
28	29	30	01	02	03 PADIA EVENT WORLD TEACHERS DAY	04



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# MOTHER TONGUE AT DIA-EH 2025-2026



**AT DIA WE OFFER A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO DEVELOP THEIR MOTHER TONGUE. LEARN ALL ABOUT OUR MOTHER PROGRAMME THROUGH THIS BROCHURE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST OR RE-REGISTER FOR THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR, PLEASE LET US KNOW BY FILLING IN THE FORM THAT IS LINKED TO THE BROCHURE.**



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# Learn To Play an Instrument at **Dubai International Academy** Emirates Hills



For more details and information please visit our website at the link below or to register, scan the QR code with your smartphone:  
[www.cmadubai.com/en/diaemirateshills](http://www.cmadubai.com/en/diaemirateshills)

Registration does not guarantee a place on the instrumental program. You will be contacted when a space becomes available for your child. Lessons take place during the school day and are subject to terms and conditions agreed upon at registration.



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Dear Parents,

**Centre for Musical Arts** is proud to continue providing instrumental music lessons to students at **Dubai International Academy - Emirates Hills**. Our programme continues to grow and we are seeing great progress from our current students. We would like to take this opportunity to invite new students to register for a place on our instrumental programmes in school for the **2025-26** academic year. As our places are limited and slots fill up quickly, we would encourage you to register your child as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

### **Group and Individual Lessons**

Our lessons take place during the school day and run on a rotational basis. Students will come out of their classroom lessons to attend their instrumental tuition. This rotation format ensures that students do not miss the same lesson week after week. We understand how vital your child's school education is and for that reason we endeavour to ensure that all students are kept on the rotation. Classroom teachers also have our timetable and are aware of students attending instrumental lessons as well as their lesson timings and will structure any classroom work accordingly.

CMA offers both Individual and group lessons, dependent upon instrument and student level. Group lessons can be offered on most instruments (with the exception of piano, voice and drum kit, which need to be taught on an individual basis). In a group there will be a maximum of 4 students per lesson. Group lessons are subject to availability and demand, as students need to be grouped with other students of the same ability and age group.

**Group lessons are only available to beginners** and after one year of learning, students will be encouraged to move on to individual lessons.

### **Fees**

Lessons are 30 minutes in length. Fees are Dhs 185 per individual lesson and Dhs 110 per student per group lesson (maximum 2-4 students). All fees are chargeable by the term.

### **Registration**

To register your child for instrumental lessons, please complete all of the details on the form which can be found on the following link; [www.cmadubai.com/en/diaemirateshills](http://www.cmadubai.com/en/diaemirateshills)

Please read all of the information carefully, as well as our Terms and Conditions document at the end of the registration form. Further details can be found on our website at [www.cmadubai.com](http://www.cmadubai.com)

Once registered, parents will receive a confirmation email and an invoice from the CMA team to proceed with payment. Fees must be paid before lessons can commence. Please note that your booking is not confirmed until fees have been settled and slots cannot be reserved without the settlement of fees. All lessons are subject to availability and demand. If for any reason the chosen instrument is not available, we will contact you as soon as possible to discuss other options.

Existing students who have already registered will receive a communication from our team if they have not done so already.

We look forward to welcoming you to our instrumental programme.

Kind regards

Sara Ingham

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Dear Parents,

We are delighted to announce that DIA Emirates Hills will once again be running the Junior Duke Awards for all students from KG2 to Year 6. For more details about the Junior Duke programme, please click here: [JUNIOR DUKE INFORMATION](#).

#### Award Levels by Year Group

- KG2 – Micro Duke Award
- Year 1 – Mini Duke Silver Award
- Year 2 – Mini Duke Gold Award
- Year 3 – Junior Bronze Award
- Year 4 – Junior Silver Award
- Year 5 – Junior Gold Award
- Year 6 – Junior Platinum Award

Cost: AED 100 per child

This year there are a few changes for some year groups. Please read carefully.

#### Important Information by Year Group

##### KG2 – Year 2

- Children will continue with the Mini Duke book option (as in previous years). They will receive a mini duke book to complete.
  - To sign up, simply complete payment using the link:  
<https://payment.innoventureseducation.com/diaeh/online/>
- Payment = sign up. Sign up deadline is Friday 26th September at 12pm.

##### Year 3 – Year 6

- Children can choose one of two options:
  1. Book Option (traditional): A physical book where children print, stick, and write about their activities before submitting it to their teacher.
  2. Online Option (new this year): No book will be given. Instead, children will use an online portal to write, upload photos or videos, and submit electronically to staff.
- To sign up, there are two steps:
  1. Fill in this form to indicate your choice (Book or Online):  
<https://forms.office.com/r/eEKhXpNcHJ>
  2. Make the payment here:  
<https://payment.innoventureseducation.com/diaeh/online/>

Sign-Up Deadline is Friday 26th September at 12 pm

#### Recap:

- Payment = sign up (for KG2–Year 2).
- Form + payment = sign up (for Year 3–Year 6).

We look forward to seeing our students take part in this exciting programme once again.

Warm regards,

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