



Happy Graduation

Secondary School
Newsletter



EMIRATES
HILLS

Friday 30th May

Head of Secondary Message

Hello All,

Over the past two weeks, we've had the pleasure of celebrating two important milestones in our students' journeys. Our Year 11 graduation took place in school and was a joyful and heartfelt occasion that truly reflected the spirit of the year group. Just days later, we honoured our Year 13 graduates in the stunning surroundings of Dubai Opera – a grand and fitting venue to mark the end of their school careers. We are incredibly proud of both cohorts and wish them every success as they move on to the next exciting chapter, whether that be further studies with us, new adventures, or university.

As we approach the end of the academic year, our other year groups are now fully immersed in their end-of-year assessments. While academic focus remains strong, there has still been room for creativity and enrichment. A particular highlight has been our student Film Festival, held at the Roxy Cinema, where our young filmmakers had the chance to showcase their work on the big screen – a truly inspiring experience and well-deserved recognition for their creativity and hard work.



Michelle Puxty

Head of Secondary

Key Diary Dates

Monday June 2nd

Year 11 Job Shadowing

Year 11 students will embark upon their job shadowing placements - good luck to all!

Monday 2nd - Wed 4th June

Year 7-10 & 12 EOY Assessments

Exam week for all of our learners - this is your chance to show us what you can do - you will be great!

Thursday 5th and Friday 6th June

School Closed for Eid Al Adha

We wish all those who are celebrating, Eid Mubarak

School will re-open on Monday 9th June

Monday 9th - Thursday 12th June

Year 7 Showcase

Join us for the end of year arts showcase from our wonderful Year 7 students!

Details will be sent by the Arts Department

Wednesday 11th June

TOK Exhibition

Join us to explore student thinking at the TOK Exhibition.



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MYP 2025



Dear Graduates

remember that learning is a lifelong journey. Embrace every opportunity to grow, stay curious, and remain open to new experiences. You have the power to shape the future, and we are confident that each of you will make a positive impact in whatever path you choose.





class of 2025



DUBAI OPERA

30TH MAY 2025

WELLBEING CORNER

TERM 3: 'FINISHING THE YEAR STRONGLY'

Dear Students and Parents,

As we approach the final weeks of the academic year, now is the time to reflect on the journey so far and celebrate the progress each student has made. Whether you're nearing the end of your first year of secondary school or preparing for the transition into Post-16 or University, every step forward—academic or personal—deserves recognition.

Over the past month, our community has witnessed key milestones: the final DP and MYP exams have now concluded, and we've proudly celebrated the graduation of our Year 11 and Year 13 students. These moments remind us that education is not just about results—it's about growth, resilience, and the relationships formed along the way.

For Years 10 and 12, exams are now well underway. This is your opportunity to show the depth of your learning, sharpen your revision techniques, and finish the term with confidence. We encourage you to stay focused and maintain healthy routines—balancing rest, revision, and time for reflection.

For Years 7, 8, and 9, the final exams begin next week, from Monday 2nd to Wednesday 4th June. The effort you've put in throughout the term is now building toward a strong finish. Trust your preparation, stay organised, and remember that asking for help is always a sign of strength.

Let's also take time to appreciate the less measurable victories: improved study habits, more confident classroom contributions, or simply a more positive attitude toward school. These are the quiet successes that often lay the foundation for future achievements.

As the academic year begins to wind down, let's finish with purpose and pride. Keep going—you're almost there!

Mr. Murphy

Years 7-9



End of the Year Assessments

Top 5 Study Tips for Smart Revision

1. Make a Plan

Use a revision schedule to break your subjects into manageable parts. Prioritise topics that need more attention and set realistic daily goals.

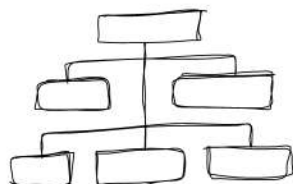


2. Revise Actively

Don't just reread notes—quiz yourself, use flashcards, teach someone else, or explain topics aloud.

3. Practice, Practice, Practice

Complete past papers or sample questions under timed conditions. This helps build your exam confidence and improves time management.



4. Visualise Your Learning

Mind maps, flow charts, diagrams, and colour-coded notes are great tools to reinforce memory and link concepts.

5. Space It Out

Spread your revision over days instead of cramming the night before. Little and often leads to long-term memory!



Years 7-9



End of the Year Assessments

♥ Wellbeing Matters

🛌 Get Your Sleep

Aim for 8–9 hours of sleep. A well-rested brain remembers more and solves problems better.



🥗 Eat to Fuel Your Brain

Choose healthy snacks (fruit, nuts, yogurt) and drink plenty of water to keep your mind sharp.

🧘 Breathe & Take Breaks

Follow the 25–5 rule: 25 minutes of focused study, followed by a 5-minute break. Use longer breaks to stretch, walk, or breathe deeply.



👉 Stay Connected

Talk to someone if you're feeling overwhelmed—your teachers, friends, and family are all here for you.

📵 Switch Off to Recharge

Limit screen time (especially before bed) to avoid distractions and protect your sleep.



Your effort, progress, and positive attitude matter just as much as your final results. Believe in yourself, stay balanced, and give it your best shot. You've already come so far—let's finish the year proud!



Inclusion Ambassadors- 2025-26

We're excited to welcome our new team of Student Inclusion Ambassadors! These students will work across the school to support initiatives and events that promote inclusion, kindness, and a strong sense of belonging for all.

As peer leaders, they will help foster a welcoming environment by celebrating diversity, encouraging student voice, and ensuring everyone feels seen, heard, and valued in our school community. Stay tuned for updates on their upcoming projects and the positive impact they're making!



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DIA FILM FESTIVAL 2025

What an unforgettable morning celebrating the incredible filmmaking talent at DIA! A huge congratulations to all the students for their super creative short films, their hard work and imagination truly shone on the big screen. A massive thank you to Roxy Cinemas and Fujifilm for sponsoring the event.





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*Secondary School
End of Year
Student Recognition
Awards Evening*



5:00pm



SS PE Hall



Wednesday

18th June

2025

Students selected to
receive awards will be
contacted via email



Real-World Research, Real Impact: IBCP Year 13

Students Tackle Ethics, Careers, and Change

Our Year 13 IBCP students have impressed us once again with an outstanding array of service learning activities and Reflective Projects that connect deeply with their chosen career pathways. From tackling complex ethical dilemmas to designing solutions grounded in research, their work demonstrates the real-world impact of the IBCP Core curriculum.

Ethical tension between reducing fuel consumption for environmental sustainability and maintaining economic viability in aviation industry

Is it ethical for hospitality industry to prioritise personation and innovation over data privacy?

To what extent is workplace surveillance ethical to monitor all employees and ensure that the tasks assigned are completed?

Can Deception in Psychology experiments be Ethically justified?

Is it Ethical for professional athletes to accept exorbitant fees to play in countries with poor human rights record?

Is using AI in movies ethically justifiable?

As part of the Personal and Professional Skills (PPS) course, students develop vital research skills, including the ability to distinguish between primary and secondary sources, apply qualitative and quantitative research methods, and cite sources accurately. This year's Reflective Project topics were as diverse as they were relevant –ranging from data privacy at music events and false advertising in business, to the use of AI in films, deception in psychology experiments, wage theft in the manufacturing industry, and the ethics of fast fashion.

IB Career-related Certificate
REFLECTIVE PROJECT





From Lane 6 at DIA EH to the Olympic Games

Minna Abraham's Journey Begins at DIA Emirates Hills 🇮🇵🇸🇦🇪

It began with a single race.

A six-year-old girl stepping onto the pool deck at DIA Emirates Hills, ready for her very first competition. Assigned to Lane 6, she dove into the water—and unknowingly into the beginning of a remarkable journey.

That young swimmer was Minna Abraham. Today, she is an Olympian. This week, she returned to where it all began.

Minna, a proud alumna of Innoventures Education, led an inspirational seminar and swim session with our student-athletes. Her presence lit up the poolside—not just with her achievements, but with her warmth, humility, and message of perseverance.

Her journey from DIA EH to the Olympic Games is more than a story of athletic excellence—it's a reflection of the values that define us as a school. It's about what can happen when children are encouraged to believe in themselves, supported with care, and given the space to dream. Her younger siblings are now part of our community—already finding their own voice and potential in sport. Minna's return wasn't just a visit. It was a full-circle moment that captured everything we strive for at DIA Emirates Hills.

At DIA EH, we believe in nurturing the whole child.

We inspire dreams, provide platforms for growth, and cultivate the confidence to pursue them.

As part of the Innoventures Education family, we are committed to shaping not only future athletes—but lifelong learners, leaders, and kind, capable human beings.

Minna's story started with us. And it continues to inspire us all.

Passion For Sport



Optimising Performance from Within: Sport Psychology Seminar Empowers DIA EH Athletes

At DIA Emirates Hills, we believe that true sporting excellence is forged not just on the field—but in the mind. This week, our student-athletes took part in a powerful Sport Psychology Seminar led by Mindframe Performance, a leading UK-based consultancy now established in the Middle East.

The session focused on enhancing mental performance - a crucial yet often overlooked pillar of Sport success. Through expert guidance, our students explored strategies to improve their focus, emotional control, and confidence under pressure, equipping them with practical tools to manage performance anxiety, recover from mistakes, and stay committed to their goals.

With over 12 UK-trained sport psychologists and experience working with more than 2,000 sportspeople across 75+ sports, Mindframe Performance brought high-level insight to our students in a highly accessible and engaging way. The session offered a glimpse into their "12 Pillars of Mental Performance," showcasing the transformative effect that mindset coaching can have on young athletes' health, well-being, and sporting achievement.

This seminar aligns with our commitment to holistic athlete development—supporting not only physical skill but also emotional resilience and mental clarity. As part of the wider Innoventures Education vision, we continue to explore forward-thinking initiatives that empower our students to thrive - on and off the field.

We thank the team at Mindframe for their professionalism and passion, and we look forward to more impactful collaborations in the future.

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