

BISC Bulletin

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NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

H1N1 Collection & Drop-Off

Thank you to all parents for responding so supportively to our new arrangements for the collection and drop-off of children at school. Please note that the school cannot allow visitors into school unless they have a prior appointment. Security guards have been directed to escort all visitors to and from their appointments.

With regard to collection of children in the afternoon, the school now has a designated waiting area for parents or nannies within the School Cafeteria. The gates will be open from 2:55 p.m.. Junior children will be lining up in the other half of the cafeteria soon after 3:00 p.m. and children will be released in an orderly way. Security and senior teachers will be on hand from Sunday onwards to direct parents into the campus at this time.

I am grateful to your continued support during this time.

School Cafeteria

Parents may be interested to see the weekly menu from Café Mo, posted on the school website under BISC News. Parents may pay for school lunch in advance at the Business Office.

BISC Medical Centre

Parents may wish to speak with Dr. Dalia on 011-112-1989. during school hours should you wish to seek guidance on H1N1 or the school's seasonal vaccination program.

NEWS FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL

Ongoing H1N1 ('Swine-Flu') Preventive Measures

Thank you very much indeed for your ongoing support and patience concerning our H1N1 preventive measures. These precautions continue for the foreseeable period ahead, so please do remember that any parent visits inside School have to be by prior appointment.

Visitors who have appointments with staff or in any office within the School will continue to have temperature checks, and will be accompanied by Security to the office they are visiting. Thank you again for your support and understanding, let us hope we get back to normal before very long.

Year 12 Option Choices

The Year 12 students have settled into their courses of study very well and are working hard. There should be no further changes of option choices as we forge ahead with the curriculum.

Parents Information Evenings

Heads of Year and Senior Managers will be holding information afternoons in the Theatre this coming week. Our aim is to help parents understand how we work together to support pupils' learning. The afternoons are as follows:

Parents of Year 7 and Parents of new Year 8s and 9s Parents Information Afternoon
Monday 14th September 2-3pm

Parents of Year 10 and Parents of new Year 11s Parents Information Afternoon
Tuesday 15th September 2-3pm

Parents of Year 12 and new Year 13s Parents Information Afternoon
Wednesday 16th September 2-3pm

Eid El Fitr Holidays 18th-22nd September inclusive

School resumes on Wednesday 23rd of September

After School Activities

These start on Sunday 27th September. Students have already signed up. Copies of the activities will be posted on the school website.

News from the Music Dept

Students wishing to have individual music lessons in school need to have signed up by Monday 14th September. Anyone asking after this will be able to start in January. Please see Mrs Clarke or Miss Maha if you have not yet signed up.

This year's musicians workshop weekend is for keen singers and is from Friday Sept 25th to Saturday 26th at the Palmera Resort in Ain Sukhna. Please see Ms Dawson on Sunday if you would like to be considered.

Resit Exams

Where a student achieved less than the expected grade in an end of year exam for a subject we are asking them to resit that exam. Our intention is to encourage students to consolidate their learning and to prepare for their examinations more thoroughly in the future.

Students have been reminded of the exams they are resitting and have a copy of the schedule which I enclose below. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and students for their support in ensuring these resit examinations are a success.

Saturday 12th September in S201

	Y7	Y8	Y9		Y10	Y12
8:00	ICT	The Y8 ICT resit is ICDL exam taking place on Thur 10 th period 9 in L101		8:00	Maths	Maths
10:00	Maths	Maths	Maths			
12:00	Science	French	Science	12:00	Arabic IG-CSE Spanish French	Physics Chemistry
14:00	Arabic/ French	Arabic	French			

Saturday 26th September in S201

	Y7	Y8	Y9		Y10	Y12
8:00	English	English	English	8:00	English PE	English/ Economics/ Geography
10:00	Geography	Geography	Geography	10:30	Geography/ ICT	ES/ History
12:30	History	History		12:30	Business	Spanish

NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Autumn Term Key Stage Curriculum Newsletters

Please find enclosed with this copy of your Bulletin, our Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter for your child's Key Stage, together with a content summary of the topics to be studied in each Year group for all learning areas.

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Visitors who have appointments with staff or in any office within the School will continue to have temperature checks, and will be accompanied by Security to the office they are visiting. Thank you again for your support and understanding, let us hope we get back to normal before very long.

After-School Activities

After-School Activities will re-commence after the Holy Month of Ramadan, starting Sunday 27th September. We shall provide the new Programme with next week's Bulletin. There will be both an after-school sports programme, co-ordinated by Mr Wyre, and also a general after-school activities programme, co-ordinated by Mrs Farag.

Procedures for Parent Notification of Variations to Pupil Collection Arrangements

This notice was carried in last week's Bulletin, and is repeated again this week as it is very important in terms of the safe collection of every Junior School pupil at the end of the School Day: 'Pupils may only be collected at the end of the School Day by parents or an approved carer (such as a nanny/driver) whose details have been notified to BISC. If you wish to arrange for someone else to collect your child, please note that in the interests of security and verification you must communicate this in writing to us or by personal telephone call to us by 1:00 p.m. on the day concerned. A return call may also be made for security purposes to a number you have registered with us. No messages via other parents or nannies can be accepted.' Thank you in advance for your support in this.

Installation of Shading to Junior School Play Areas

Work has now begun on this, and will continue for the next three to four weeks. We are installing shade over three separate shaded play areas for our three Key Stages. The work is being done out of school hours.

Junior School Parents' Handbook 2009-10

All parents should by now have received their copies of the 2009-10 Junior School Parents' Handbook. Please let the Office know if you have not yet received your copy for any reason.

Calendar Notices:

Eid El Fitr

The dates for this holiday are Friday 18th – Tuesday 22nd of September inclusive. Please note we return to school on Wednesday 23rd of September.

Parents' Curriculum Information Meetings

As you know we postponed our start of term Parents' Curriculum Information Meetings in order to re-assess arrangements in the light of ongoing and developing H1N1 precautions. We have now decided to go ahead and have these in the Theatre, avoiding any necessity for large numbers of parents to be moving through the pupil areas in the main part of the Junior School. The new schedule for these Meetings is thus as follows:

12.30-1.15pm	Sunday 27 th September:	FS1
1.45-2.30pm	Monday 28 th September:	FS2
2-3pm	Tuesday 29 th September:	KS1
2-3pm	Wednesday 30 th September:	Years 3 & 4
2-3pm	Thursday 1 st October:	Years 5 and 6

NEWS FROM CAS & TOK

IB Community Action and Service Programme (CAS)

As part of the IB Diploma Programme, students carry out important community service work. This is one of the most valuable aspects of the program. The school is now keen to build its CAS program and to establish new contacts.

Do you work with or know of a charitable organization through which our enthusiastic BISC IBDP students (aged 15-18) can work with needy people?

- This could be work with children, the elderly or any age in between.
- It could be work with the very poor, the ill or disabled and so on.
- The organisation could be large or small, religious or non-religious.
- All that's really important is that the charity is:
- Within Cairo and fairly easily reached
- A safe and rewarding place for older teenagers to volunteer
- That there will be a responsible adult present who can oversee students' work and guarantee that they have carried this out positively. The person in question need not speak English, though for our foreign students this is a great help.

Please contact Dr. James Bloom, BISC CAS Coordinator with any suggestions on s033@bisc.edu.eg or jamesebloom@hotmail.com

Sixth Form Lecture Programme

Are you an effective public speaker or do you know someone who is, who also either lives in or visits Cairo? Do you, or does this person you know, have something to say that would challenge and/or inspire our bright, keen Theory of Knowledge (TOK) students (aged 15-18). Then your or that person would be most welcome at BISC to be our honoured guest as an IBDP TOK visiting speaker!

The topic of the speech or presentation might be something connected to...

- Politics & current events
- Economics & business
- Ethics & values
- Science and technology
- ...Or some combination of these or any other area of interest!

Please contact Dr. James Bloom, BISC TOK Coordinator with any suggestions on s033@bisc.edu.eg or jamesebloom@hotmail.com