

BISC Bulletin

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NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Extension of the Eid Holiday

Parents should have received my letter on the extension to the Eid holiday.

- Pupils will return to school on Sunday 4th October.
- In the week of 25th September, all pupils will be working on assignments and tasks set by their teachers; these are not optional exercises. It is suggested that pupils work to a strict schedule, splitting up tasks over several days, rather than leaving things until the end of the week.
- Please note that the school will have to enforce the government's eight-day rule and we are working with the relevant authorities on this matter. Parents should enforce this strictly.

Supply Teachers at BISC

From time to time, the school has to use highly qualified supply teachers to cover for absent teachers. BISC is now building-up a register of supply teachers to be used in the future. Should you know of experienced, post-graduates, preferably with UK teaching certificates, please encourage them to email CVs to hr@bisc.edu.eg.

NEWS FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL

H1N1

All the students have been spoken to about the measures we have in place to contain the H1N1 virus and prevent its entry into the school. I have been very impressed by the collective response of all members of the BISC community and would like to thank parents, students and staff for their understanding.

A letter from the Principal was sent to you on Tuesday explaining that, in order to respect the Ministry of Education's stance on H1N1, the school will be closed during the week of September 27th to 1st October and will resume on Sunday 4th of October.

During the week of September 27th to 1st October we are keen for students to continue their learning and to that end are providing a programme of work for each student in Year 7, 8 and 9 which should be completed during that week. This programme of work will draw on resources the students have already been given, but may also refer to the school intranet and other websites. Your support in ensuring students complete the programme during that week is much appreciated as it will enable us to keep our momentum going.

We are equally keen to ensure Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students continue to forge ahead with their studies and I have spoken to these students about how this will be accomplished during the week of 27th September to 1st of October.

Resit Examinations

In respecting the Ministry's stance on H1N1, I have had to move the resit exams scheduled for Saturday 26th of September to Saturday 3rd of October. Other than being moved by one week, the schedule is unchanged. Can I remind students that the exams take place in Ms Phaup's room, that they should arrive 10 minutes prior to the exam and should adhere to the school dress code. I thank parents and students for their understanding about this.

Saturday 3rd October 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	

NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Principal's letter Re. Revised Half-Term and School Calendar

A letter from the Principal was sent to all parents on Tuesday notifying that School will be closed during the week of September 27th to 1st October, and will therefore re-open on Sunday 4th of October. Junior staff have accordingly prepared detailed Homework and/or Distance Learning advice for all Year groups in the Junior School, and pupils will be bringing home their copies of this today. Your support in ensuring pupils carry out all learning tasks and suggestions, during the week concerned, is much appreciated.

Ongoing H1N1 ('Swine-Flu') Preventive Measures

Thank you very much again for your ongoing support with our H1N1 preventive measures. Please note that all parents and other visitors continue to need appointments to visit any School office during the School day. The other reminder we need to give is that parents of Foundation pupils who also have older BISC pupils in any Year Group from Year 1 to 13, should first drop the older siblings at the main pupil entry gate. Thank you again for your support and understanding concerning these procedures.

Junior School Intranet

The new Junior School Intranet can be found at <http://intranet.bisc.edu.eg> This is at an embryonic and evolving stage, and one of its important functions will be to carry postings of homework and distance learning advice, such as has been provided to all pupils today for the week from the 27th September. This would be particularly useful if any pupil, say, mislaid their homework. The Junior Intranet is also intended, and already does in a number of years, cover other headings too, such as Curriculum Overviews, Timetables, etc. 'Photo Galleries' will also be added for year groups in due course. In showing such photos, and in terms of our Child Protection procedures, we would not attach names to pupil photos. For the same reason we also ask you to tell us, via your child's Link Book or Diary, or via message to the School Office, if you do not wish your child's photo to appear on the Junior Intranet.

Autumn Term Key Stage Curriculum Newsletters

Parents should by now have received these for each Junior School Key Stage - KS2, KS1, and FS - together with attached Curriculum Overviews for each year group in the school. Please let the Office know if you have not received your copy for any reason.

Autumn Term After-School Activities

After-School Activities begin on Sunday 11th October. The new programmes are attached with this week's Bulletin, together with covering letter. Please see the details of both the after-school sports programme, co-ordinated by Mr Wyre, and also the non-sporting activities programme, co-ordinated by Mrs Farag. We ask that you please return your reply slips promptly, to enable administration staff to compile the activity lists as soon as possible.

Installation of Shading to Junior School Play Areas

Further to last week's Bulletin advice, the impressive new shading work is now at an advanced stage. We shall soon have finished installations over three separate shaded play areas for the three Key Stages. This work is being carried out after school.

Calendar Notices:

Eid El Fitr

The dates for this holiday are now Friday 18th – Thursday 24th of September inclusive. Please note that for the week from Sunday 27th September, pupils must work from home, please see the notice above. Please also note our Parents' Curriculum Information Meetings, re-scheduled as below, are not affected by the closure to pupils, and will continue as planned.

Parents' Curriculum Information Meetings

As notified last week, the revised schedule for these Meetings is as follows:

12:30-1:15 p.m.	Sunday 27 th September	FS1
1:45-2:30 p.m.	Monday 28 th September	FS2
2-3 p.m.	Tuesday 29 th September	KS1
2-3 p.m.	Wednesday 30 th September	Years 3 & 4
2-3 p.m.	Thursday 1 st October	Years 5 and 6

Junior School Lost Property from Last Year

We have a number of items in our Lost Property Office that are not named, and have also been there since the last academic year. We have had a request, via a parent, to assist a Cairo orphanage with a donation from School of any unclaimed items. If you know you have lost any particular items last year belonging to your child, and you still need to make checks at School, you are most welcome to make an appointment, via the School Office, to visit to the Lost Property Office. Please can any interested parent do this in the week beginning 27th September. Mrs Mulrenan, in consultation with our Pupil Council, will be taking the process forward. We will not dispose of items handed in this year.