

# BISC Bulletin

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## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### **Haiti Appeal at BISC**

The scale of the human tragedy in Haiti is the worst the UN has faced. BISC students and staff are keen to help. As a start, we are holding a non-uniform day on Thursday 28th January, with a minimum contribution of L.E. 20, for all pupils in school. Additional charitable contributions will be welcome. Student councilors will be overseeing the collection and will be involved in sending our contribution to Haiti.

### **Book Collection Appeal**

Last week, IB students heard of a wonderful NGO, Nahdet Mansoureya, which provides pre-school for children in more than a dozen villages in the area around BISC, as well as offering adult literacy, ICT proficiency, health & hygiene counselling & assistance and even a youth football league for teenagers and adults.

This growing charity has the potential and the will to provide genuine and nearby community service opportunities for every single IB student at BISC. The leaders of the Student Council are very keen to establish an ongoing fundraising relationship with the charity as it is serving needy people in BISC's immediate vicinity.

Right now, however, Nahdet Mansoureya is trying to build up a collection of books for children and young people for its mobile library. Arabic books are preferred but simple English books are fine too. Please send books to school via your children.

### **Emergency Contact Details**

We have yet to receive updated mobile phone and email addresses from several families. Parents are asked to check that their children have supplied this information to their class teacher (JS) or form tutor (SS).

### **H1N1 Register**

Parents are asked to inform the school office if a child has had a confirmed case of H1N1. This information will prove helpful if we have to take a decision to close a class.

## NEWS FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL

### **Reports**

Years 7, 8 and 9 have been issued with their full reports on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January.

### **Activities**

After school activities started this week. I should like to remind students of the importance of showing commitment to activities they have signed up for: once students have signed up they are

required to attend each week. I should like to thank Mr Wyre and Mr Carrigan for setting up the programme and staff for their contributions.

### **Buses**

Students who travel by bus must be prompt, wear their seat belt and behave well. Buses are not required to wait for students.

### **Possessions and Lockers**

Students' possessions are their responsibility. It is expected that students use their lockers to secure their possessions. Students without padlocks should purchase them as a matter of urgency. Bags should NOT be left lying about but should be with the student or in their locker.

### **Mid-Term Exams and Mocks**

Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 are on study leave for the duration of their exams; lessons resume as soon as the exam period ends. Specifically, Y10 resume lessons Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>, Y11 on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>, Y12 on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> and Y13 on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Curriculum Catch Up Going Well**

I am pleased to report that our first curriculum catch lessons took place this week with everything going to plan. The next catch up lessons will be on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January period 8 and 9 during. The details are on the sheet attached to this bulletin.

### **World Challenge Presentation**

A group of Year 12 students attended the presentation by Mr Tony Burns of World Challenge on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January. During an illuminating presentation Mr Burns explained how World Challenge could support the school by providing an expedition opportunity during the summer months which could help us to cover the CAS (Creativity, Action and Service) components of the IB or the requirements of the IYA (International Award for Young People). The School is exploring how we might best work with The World Challenge organisation to extend our Outward bound provision. For further information look at The World Challenge Website: <http://www.world-challenge.co.uk/>

### **IA Bronze Boys**

Our Bronze Award expedition for boys takes place this weekend. We wish our 22 intrepid hikers all the best as they wrestle with the camp craft and the rigours of trekking in Waadi Rishrash.

### **Mufti Day for Haiti Disaster Appeal**

The Senior School (in conjunction with the Junior School) will be holding a Mufti Day on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of January in aid of the Haiti Disaster Appeal.

### Forthcoming Events

#### **THIMUN**

Twelve Year 12 students head off to The Hague Model United Nations from the 24-30<sup>th</sup> January. We look forward to reports of how they get on and thank Mr. Sartain and Mrs Youssef for looking after the BISC delegates.

**CISSA JV Basketball@CAC** Boys Fri 5<sup>th</sup>; Girls Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Week 21**

**BISC Open Morning** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 09:30-11:30

**Y10-13 Exam Reports Issued** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Session 10** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb

**IA Girls Bronze** Fri 12<sup>th</sup> and Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Feb

## **NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL**

### **Spring Term 2010 After-School Activities**

Thank you for returning your reply slips with your child's after-school activity choices for this term. BSME practices began this week, and the full Junior Programme starts on Sunday.

### **KS2 CIBSA Football, hosted at BISC, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

The pupils involved in tomorrow's CIBSA football tournament have received their details letter.

### **Lost Property**

Named items of mislaid or lost property are returned to their owners as soon as possible.

There is also a considerable amount of lost property un-named and unclaimed in School. If you wish to check Lost Property by making a personal visit, please contact the Junior School

### **Urgent School Communications – Confirmation of Parent Contact Details**

If you have not yet done so please return to School as soon as possible your confirmation of your current mobile number and email address. Many thanks.

### **UN Haiti Disaster Appeal – Non-Uniform Day on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

Next Thursday both Junior and Senior Schools are having a Non-Uniform Day in response to the current United Nations Appeal on behalf of Haiti. If you wish your child to support this Pupil Council initiative please send in 20 L.E., or other donation as you may decide upon, to be handed to your child's class teacher either before, or during, next Thursday's Registration. With our grateful thanks in advance.