

BISC Bulletin

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NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

International Week: Sunday 1st to Thursday 5th November

Final preparations are being made for our international week. Amidst the special activities, students will enjoy a special international menu at the cafeteria of foods from around the world.

On Thursday 5th November (3.00 – 5.00 p.m.) we shall host our international food fair. Thank you to all parents who have generously offered to host a table or to contribute to one. Many parents are helping by making special dishes for their country's table. Please email events@bisc.edu.eg if you wish to help in this way.

So far, we have tables from Australia, Britain, China, Eastern Europe (joint), Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, India, Mexico and Syria.

Open Morning – Sunday 1st November

The school's first open morning of the academic year takes place on Sunday 1st November at 9.30 a.m. There is already a significant interest in school places for September 2010 and there is going to be strong competitive pressure in all year groups. Please advise family and friends that early registration is strongly recommended. Reserve your place at the open morning by contacting admissions@bisc.edu.eg

NEWS FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL

Resit Exam Feedback and Support

Many thanks to students and parents for working with us on this and helping to make the process worthwhile. In the majority of cases the resits have led to improved performance. Letters have been sent indicating the progress made as a result of the resit exam. Recommended next steps are included. Parents are encouraged to contact Dr Wall or Heads of Year to discuss support strategies.

Supervised-Supported Study

I would also like to take the opportunity to remind you that we have set up **Supervised Supported Study** for all students. The following is a table of the current schedule as it stands for all sessions to be held after school (3:15 p.m.—4:15 p.m.), although this may change and further subjects may be added as we approach Mock Examinations:

Sunday	Mathematics
Monday	Science or French
Tuesday	---
Wednesday	English
Thursday	Business Studies

In addition we have set up “**Homework Time**” scheduled for all students who wish to stay behind after school and work in a quiet, supervised environment. This is offered every day of the school week and has moved from L101 to S305. Please contact the Senior Office to reserve a place.

Data Capture Forms

It is vital that we have the correct contact information for all of our students. Data Capture Forms have been issued and we are now collecting missing forms and information. The Senior Office may be in touch if there is some missing information.

CISSA JV Volleyball at ISC-Cairo Fri 16th and Sat 17th

A young girls team fought hard against more experienced teams and performed well. The boys team performed with grit and determination, ranking 3rd overall. Many thanks to Ms Wellington, Mr Harvey and Coach Mostafa.

CIBSA Creativity at MBIS Sat 17th and Sun 18th

Seven students from Y5, Y6 and Y7 participated and spent two very productive days with like minded students from MBIS, NCBIS and BSA. Many thanks to Ms Clarke and Mr Sabet for supporting this.

Tuesday 20th Y11 Parents Meetings 3:30pm-5:30pm

We met with parents and students in the Maths-Languages classrooms on Tuesday following very productive case conferences last week . We were very pleased with the response to the extra supervised study sessions we are running and look forward to working with the students to help them prepare for the GCSE mock exams in January. It is of course vital that students commit themselves to attending the sessions they have signed up to. If you have not yet done so, simply call Ms Hanaa, on 0111121984, to reserve a place for your son or daughter in any of the subjects listed.

Modern Gallery of Egyptian Art Trip Wednesday 21st October 17, 2009

On Wednesday our Year 10 and 12 Art students enjoyed a very productive visit to the Modern Gallery of Egyptian Art and have returned to school determined to use the experience as inspiration for their artistic endeavours.

GCSE Assessment Calendar

This calendar is being given to all Year 10 and 11 students and will help us all to manage our work as we strive to perform well in the various assessment challenges of the GCSE programme. Our thanks to Ms Zora for this very useful and practical document which can be found on the school website under http://www.bisc.edu.eg/nschool/senior_gcse_results.php

EMAC JV Volleyball at CAC Fri 23 and Sat 24th

With determination to build on last weeks performances, our girls' and boys' JV teams battle again this weekend at CAC. We wish them well and thank Mr Wyre, Ms Wellington, Mr Harvey, Ms Foley and Coach Mostafa for the hours they are putting in to support our students.

CACMUN Friday 23rd- Monday 26th

The final preparations are well in hand for this year's CAC Model United Nations and the delegation of students selected from year 10 and 12 are keen to engage with colleagues from other International Schools the speech making, lobbying, merging and debating that will ensue over this weekend. Our thanks to Ms Hollis, Ms Bailley and Mr Carrigan for their support and encouragement.

International Week Sunday 1st – Thursday 5th November

Preparations for this celebration of diversity and international understanding are well in hand. If you would like to help with the International celebration at the end of the week do not hesitate to email events@bisc.edu.eg with your ideas. There will be many stalls representing and promoting various countries and entertainment from around the world throughout.

Use of iPods, Mobiles and Video Devices

We have had issues with this before and are concerned about inappropriate usage. We have reminded students that these are not to be used in the classroom and that they may be confiscated. We appreciate parents support in reinforcing this message.

Advanced Notice

Session 10 Thursday 29th 3:15-4:15 p.m. in Junior Music Room

If students (or parents) would like to perform at this relaxed concert to an appreciative audience, they should simply let Ms Clarke or Ms Dawson know.

KS3, Y10 and Y12 Progress Reports

These reports will be issued on Thursday 29th October as indicated in the Calendar.

Study Leave for Exam Classes

Yr 13 students' last day: Wed 21/04/10

Yr 11 students' last day: Tuesday 11/05/10

NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Parent Conferences

Our third evening in the current series of Parent Conferences is next Tuesday 27th October (3:15—5:30 p.m.). Your arranged meetings with class teachers take place in your child's classroom. Subject specialist teacher meetings (for Arabic, French, Drama, Music) take place on the usual non-appointment basis, in the Junior Library. P.E. Staff are meeting Senior and Junior School parents in the Theatre Foyer. Please also note that Tuesday after-school activities continue as usual.

CIBSA Creativity Festival Saturday 17th October/Sunday 18th October

Please see the separate Bulletin report from the Visual and Performing Arts Dept. of this much-enjoyed event. Well done to all the pupils participating and particular thanks to Ms Clarke and Mr Sabet for their support.

Foundation Stage Two Supervision 2:25—3:00 p.m.

A letter has been sent home today to those FS2 parents who would like to take up the opportunity of a facility to supervise FS2 pupils from 2.25-3pm after the end of the normal FS2 day. We are now able to provide this facility for families with older pupils in the School, and who need a unified collection time for all their children.

Autumn Term After-School Activities – KS1 Pupils

Staff have observed that some of our young Year One pupils doing after-school activities are finding the long day difficult, particularly if this is then followed by a significant bus journey. Please consider the selections you have made for your child carefully in the light of this. You are invited to discuss this with your child's class teacher or Key Stage Co-ordinator if you wish.

Data Capture Forms

It is vital that we have the correct contact information and approved nominated pupil collector information for all our pupils. Data Capture Forms have been issued and the great majority returned in the Junior School. The Junior Office will be following up with phone calls now to double-check your advice concerning who is approved to collect your child, and also to pursue any missing forms and information.

International Week Sunday 1st – Thursday 5th November

This event is traditionally organised by the Senior School and is also open to Year 6 pupils who attend with their parents. Preparations for this year's annual celebration of diversity and international understanding are now underway, and if any parent wishes to be involved with a stall please email events@bisc.edu.eg with your ideas or suggestions. There will be many countries represented and all sorts of international entertainment on offer.

NEWS FROM THE P.E. DEPARTMENT

Changes to After School Activities

Please note from next week the following changes will be made to the senior girls after school activity programme.

- 1) Girls Middle School Basketball will move from Thursdays to Tuesdays
- 2) Girls JV & Varsity Football will move from Wednesdays to Thursdays (to avoid a clash with INJAZ on a Wednesday)

Please see the full programme attached to this bulletin and contact Mr Wyre should you have any questions.

NEWS FROM THE VPA DEPARTMENT

CIBSA Creativity Festival

On Saturday and Sunday October 17th and 18th 20 students from BISC (Years 5 to 7) joined 20 children from each of NCBIS, MBIS and BSA at Maadi British International School. They were accompanied by Mrs Clarke and Mr Mika Sabet and spent two days enjoying Art, Drama and Music activities with specialist teachers from all four schools. The theme was shape and during those two days each student learned how to perform and compose a graphic score, participated in a drama about the circle of life and made an intricate, delicate sculpture of balancing shapes.

Session 10

The next session 10 concert will be on Thursday 29th October. Please inform Miss Maha, Music Secretary, if you wish to perform. Please note that numbers are limited for each concert so book early. Our talented 6th Form Music students will be performing at this concert so do come to listen. All I ask is that you stay for the whole concert as it is very disruptive when members of the audience leave part way through. The concert starts at 3:15 p.m. and most Session 10 concerts finish by 4:00 p.m..