

# BISC Bulletin

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## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Open Morning – Sunday 7th February, 9.30 a.m.

I should like to remind you of our forthcoming Open Morning, on Sunday 7th February at 9.30 a.m. in the BISC Theatre. Kindly advise family or friends of this important meeting.

Given the existing levels of demand for school places, this will be the last Open Morning of the school year. Parents are asked to contact the Admissions' Officer, Ms. Amanee Markos, to register for admission for September 2010 or September 2011 ([admissions@bisc.edu.eg](mailto:admissions@bisc.edu.eg)).

There is pressure for places in most year groups. BISC will not process late applications this year and we intend to complete all admissions by the end of this term. In addition, I need to emphasise that an application does not guarantee a school place in an academically selective school; it is therefore prudent for prospective parents to make parallel applications at other schools.

The process of admission is a lengthy one involving admissions tests and, thereafter, family interviews with the Principal and Head of School. The results of the admission process will be issued to all parents at the same time in early April 2010. Further details will be presented at the Open Morning, in the presentation from the Principal, together with a tour of the school.

## NEWS FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL

### Buses

I should like to remind parents and students of our expectation of courteous and respectful behaviour on the school buses. This includes a willingness to cooperate with the bus supervisor. Students must wear seat belts properly, should allow their temperature to be taken by the bus supervisor and should not lie down across seats or behave in a way likely to cause offence or distraction to the driver. Should parents have an issue with behaviour on the buses I should ask that they contact the Senior School or Junior School office as appropriate.

### Maths Classes

We welcome Mrs. Terri Peszle to the Senior School Maths Department whose addition to the team has enabled us to increase the number of sets we have in Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 and to improve the

amount of individual attention we can give each student. Students in Years 8-11 have been given a letter explaining these developments.

### **CISSA JV Basketball@CAC**

The boys' team compete on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> and the girls' team on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Our thanks to Mr. Wyre, Dr Bloom and Ms. Bailly for looking after the teams. Spectators are most welcome to attend

### **Week 21**

#### **BISC Open Morning Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 0930-1130**

Interest in BISC is as keen as ever and prospective parents and students will be touring the school after a short presentation from the Heads of School.

### **Reading Marathon**

In the run up to Book Week, The Senior Library will run a reading marathon competition for Years 7, 8 and 9 during this month starting on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Y10-11 GCSE Drama Trip**

Ms. Rosemary is taking the Y10 and 11 Drama students to see a performance of "Blood Brothers" on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February within the school day as a necessary part of their Drama course.

### **Curriculum Catch Up**

Week 20 went smoothly. The details for Week 21 are attached

### **Y13 SL and HL English**

All World Literature essays (final drafts) must be submitted at the start of your English lesson on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Y10-13 Exam Reports**

These will be issued to students on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Valentine's Ball Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

The glamorous event will take place at The Four Seasons, Nile Plaza. The Ball runs from 7-11 p.m. for Year 10 and 11 students and from 7-12 p.m. for Sixth Formers. The invites and posters are being printed and students should approach members of the student council to book their places.

### **Session 10 Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

All musicians should see Mrs. Clarke or Miss Dawson.

### **IA Bronze Award**

Y10 girls will be heading out to complete their IYA Bronze Expedition in Waadi Rishrash on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February. We wish them well.

### **IY12 Maths Re-Sit**

Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.—12 noon in S201 with Dr. Wall

**London University of the Arts workshop** for Y11, 12, 13 Art students Saturday 13th February. Our thanks to Ms. Hunter and Mr. Saville for hosting this event.

### **Y10 Maths Resit**

In Maths lessons of Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February

### **Y11 IB Options Afternoon Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2 p.m. in the Theatre**

Year 11 students and parents are warmly invited to attend our Sixth Form IB Options afternoon on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> of February. There will be a presentation about life in the Sixth form, the IB Options and Senior Staff available to talk to students and parents about their options. Immediately after this, Y11 students and parents will move to the parent teacher conference which will focus on strategies for achieving the grades they need at GCSE in order to pursue their IB option choices.

### **BISC's Got Talent Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 3—5 p.m.**

The student council are keen to host this very popular event. I should like to encourage all performers whether students, teachers or parents to dust off their party pieces and step up on to the stage. Would be performers should approach Mazen Nadim of the student council with their proposals.

## **NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL**

### **Parent Conferences**

Spring Term Parent Conferences begin next Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February (3.30—5.30 p.m.) and continue on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February and Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, as per the calendar. All parents are offered meeting times with their child's class teacher, using our usual appointment system. Your meetings will take place in your child's classroom. Subject specialist teacher meetings (for Arabic, French, Drama, Music and PE) take place on the usual non-appointment basis in the Junior School Library.

### **Year 5 Luxor Trip, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

As we go to press Year 5 pupils are preparing to return from this trip. Report next week.

### **Pupil Council Spring Term 2010**

Congratulations to the following pupils recently elected by their classes to the Pupil Council for this Spring Term 2010:

1W: Hannah Van Den Brandeler  
1S: Hamza Hassanein  
1R: Youssef Benchaabane  
2E: Abdel Rahman El Kady  
2M: Keon Zora MacKenzie  
2W Yassin Hassan and Reem Abou Dayya  
3F: Taymour Zaazou  
3M: Nour Fahmy  
3S: Lara Aboul Gheit  
4C: Salma Soliman  
4H: Sherif Sami;  
4S: Farouk Kandil  
5B: Nour Farouk  
5H Omar Abdul Razaq  
5S Hussein El Safty  
6S: Maryam Abouzeid  
6F: Ibrahim Aboul Fettouh  
6M: Khaled Kamal

### **Key Stage 1 Curriculum 'Catch-up'**

Ms McGlynn, KS1 Co-ordinator, writes: Our 'H1N1 catch up' programme continued as planned this week. One double session of your child's regular PE schedule was replaced with additional Numeracy and Literacy lessons. Please remember that until Week 25 (inclusive) the only PE day for your child is as follows: Year 1: Sunday; Year 2: Wednesday. Thank you for your continuing support.

### **Open Morning 9.30 a.m. Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

A reminder that Open Morning takes place this Sunday. If you have family members or friends interested in their child coming to BISC next year, in any year group, early registration is very much advised. Please contact the Admissions Office for admissions enquiries and further details.