

BISC Bulletin

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NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

I should like to bring to your attention our forthcoming Open Morning, next Sunday, the 7th February at 9.30 a.m. in the BISC Theatre. Please advise family or friends of this important event.

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).

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 entrance 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

IA Bronze Boys Fri 22nd and Sat 23rd January

Twenty two boys acquitted themselves very well this weekend, successfully navigating the rugged terrain of Waadi Rishrash. Mr Carrigan and his team of staff helpers were very impressed by the team spirit and felt that the boys showed impressive maturity throughout.

Curriculum Catch Up

The details of what lessons students should attend next week (week 20) during periods 8 and 9 are attached. So far the catch up lessons have run very well and students have managed to get to the correct classrooms with a minimum of fuss.

Nahdet Mansoureya Appeal

I should like to remind parents and students that we are collecting books in Arabic and English which will be delivered to various schools serving needy children in 6th October.

THIMUN 24th to 30th January (inclusive)

The reports from the The Hague International Model United Nations are that the students are thriving in the lobbying, merging and debating processes which have raged throughout the week. We look forward to their report in BISC Life in due course.

Mufti Day for Haiti Disaster Appeal on Thursday 28th Jan

The whole school has got behind this appeal and I should like to thank the community for supporting this.

BISCs Got Talent Monday 29th March 3-5pm

The Student Council is 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.

Advanced Notice of Events in Week 20 and 21

CISSA JV Basketball@CAC Boys Fri 5th; Girls Sat 6th Feb

Valentine's Dance Friday 5th February

BISC Open Morning Sunday 7th Feb 0930-1130

Y10-11 GCSE Drama Trip to see Blood Brothers Sunday 7th February within the school day

Y10-13 Exam Reports Issued Thursday 11th Feb

Session 10 Thursday 11th Feb. All musicians should see Mrs Clarke or Miss Dawson.

IA Girls Bronze Fri 12th and Sat 13th Feb

London University of the Arts workshop for Y11, 12, 13 Art students Saturday 13th February

BISC's Got Talent Monday 29th March 3p.m.—5 p.m.

NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

KS2 CIBSA Football Tournament, BISC, Friday 22nd January

Congratulations to our U9 and U11 Boys' teams in winning their CIBSA tournaments last Friday, I think the cheering spectators lost count of the number of excellent goals scored, though I am sure Mr Wyre has all the fine details. The Girls also came a very worthy 3rd in their competition, with close results in all their games. Our boys and girls were also a credit to BISC in terms of their behaviour and politeness as hosts. Well done again to Mr Wyre, Ms Wellington, Ms McQuade and Coach Mohamed for all their support of the squads involved, and thanks to everyone who was able to come and encourage the players

Parent Conferences

Spring Term Parent Conferences begin on Tuesday 9th February (3.30-5.30pm) and continue on Tuesday 16th February and Monday 22nd February, as per the Calendar. Parents will shortly be sent their 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 2nd – Thursday 4th February

Year 5 pupils are much looking forward to this annual highlight of the Year 5 curriculum. This trip provides an introduction to the unique history of Egyptian Antiquity that would be the envy of any UK Junior School, as well as an excellent PSHCE experience for all the boys and girls involved.

Y4C Class Teacher

Mrs Carrigan-Hart begins her maternity leave today with special best wishes from all pupils and staff for the forthcoming happy event. As notified to Y4C parents in my letter two weeks ago, we now welcome back Mrs Andrea Bonham, returned from her extended maternity leave, as Y4C class teacher for the rest of this academic year.

Junior School Reception Desk

We are very pleased to welcome Ms Aalia Selim as the new member of the Junior School Office team, manning our Junior Reception Desk. Ms Selim has already begun to settle into her new role. She succeeds Mrs Nahla El Feky, who leaves the Junior Office today with our best wishes for her further developing work as a freelance translator.

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 Office, and Office staff will be pleased to make an appointment for you to do this.

Nahdet Mansoureya Book Collection Appeal

A reminder following last week's Bulletin notice from the Principal that the BISC Student and Pupil Councils are currently appealing for families to send in any unwanted Arabic books, or simple English ones, for forwarding to this local charity, in support of its outreach work to meet the needs of more than a dozen local villages.

UN Haiti Disaster Appeal – Non-Uniform Day on Thursday 28th January

Thank you very much indeed to all our families for your very generous support of today's BISC Non-Uniform Day, in response to the current United Nations Emergency Appeal on behalf of Haiti, a country currently suffering the effects of the worst natural disaster on UN records. As Mr Spratling said in his Year 6 assembly special presentation yesterday morning, non-uniform may mean casual dress, but we know there is a far from casual attitude from our pupils concerning the scale of the devastation experienced by the suffering Haitians. This was very evident in Year 6's thought-provoking assembly.