



Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we come to the end of November, we now begin to focus our minds on End of Term Examinations for year 7-10 and Pre-Mock Examinations for years 11-13. Over the course of this half term, we have been impressed by the way students have embraced the new system of Continuous Assessments on a weekly basis, it has helped them focus in class and has also led to a more immediate approach to intervention. I would like to thank all parents for your support in encouraging our children to understand the importance of constant reading, this will help as we discourage the 'last minute' cramming for examinations. Later in the newsletter, you will find the 'Examination Code of Conduct', we ask that you please discuss this with your child and also help us to ensure that it is followed.

The home-school partnership, is a critical one as we work together to ensure that our children, not only are prepared academically but also emotional and morally, to be active global citizens. To this end, I would like to draw your attention to the part of the newsletter that refers to social media. We ask all parents and guardians to take time to monitor and control the use of social media by our children.

This has been a very busy month for the school, we remembered all those who gave their lives in wars, we took part in an inter-house maths competition, we celebrated anti-bullying week, we had our open day, we conducted our first of three entrance examinations, we introduced visiting days for our boarding students, we had the general meeting of the PTA and of course preparations are ongoing for the Dubai World Games.

The month of December, also proves to be a busy month, we in a special way ask that you take note of the invitation attached to this newsletter. Please do join us for our 'Carols by Candlelight' which takes place on Wednesday 15th December. I would like to thank the PTA for their generous support for this event and for their general support of the school.

Once again, we thank you for partnering with us as we work together to ensure all our students have an excellent learning experience.

Warm regards,

Kevin Donnelly



End of Term Examinations

As previously published, these examinations begin on Wednesday 1st December and end on Friday 10th December. We encourage all students to spend their time wisely as they revise. Please note the Examinations Code of Conduct below:

2021/2022 ACADEMIC SESSION EXAMINATION GUIDELINES AND RULES

1. Examination conditions prevail throughout.
2. You may not communicate with any person, have unauthorized equipment available (including phones and wrist watches) in the examination room.
3. All students must have a clear/transparent pencil case. If not available, use a Ziploc bag.
4. Ensure that you have the required equipment for each examination. For instance, do you need a calculator, protractor or HB pencil?
5. You must not have any unauthorized material around you during the examination.
6. If a student is involved in any form of examination malpractice, this will automatically result to the cancellation of that examination, no score will be recorded and disciplinary measures will be taken.
7. You will be invigilated throughout the examination. The invigilator will notify you when the exam must start and finish and provide any further instructions. Please ensure you adhere to all instructions.
8. You must not leave your desk during the examination without gaining permission. This will be noted.

9. If a student is more than 15mins late for an examination, that student will not be allowed to sit for that paper.

10. You are advised to use the rest room before the start of every examination. Restroom breaks will only be allowed at the invigilators' discretion.

Carols by Candlelight

We are delighted to announce that the above event will take place on Wednesday 15th December from 6pm till 8pm. Attached is an invitation to the event and QR Code, we ask you scan the code and complete the form to help us with the planning.



Social Media

It has come to our attention that students are uploading videos of themselves on Tik tok and other social media and other students are making unpleasant comments, this is particularly the case of some year 7 students. We ask parents to monitor the social media activities of their children. We also ask that you inform your children not to respond to links they might receive.

Parents Teachers Conference (PTC)

The above will take place as follows:

Year 7 – Year 9 Thursday 16th December, 8am-12noon

Year 10 – Year 13 Friday 17th December, 8am – 12noon

Please note that students should attend in full school uniform. If you have children in different year groups, you may attend once on either day.

Dubai World Games: 85 Days to Go

Preparations and Training for the above event are still ongoing, we refer to an earlier update for your information. We thank all parents for your support during this time.

