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Head of Secondary

We are all now very glad to see the school reopened. The disruption was unavoidable but we are now moving full ahead with student learning. We shall move the November Progress Report back one week to allow time for staff to make a reasonable assessment of the students. Please remember that the November Report is not a full criteria report and is intended only as a general indication of student progress. The report should go out to parents on the 24th of November. We shall be having a 'meet the staff' evening on Tuesday the 20th of October. There will also be an information meeting for parents new to the MYP on the 9th of November. Full details to follow.

Extra Curricular Activities have already begun, with different sport clubs active across the week. Additional non-sporting activities will start next week. Please see the information later in this bulletin.

I would like to add a note about attendance. It is very important that students arrive at school on time each day. It is also vital that if students are absent from school that parents provide a signed letter of explanation. If you intend to take your child from school for any reason then please make a formal request in writing ahead of time. This should be sent to the relevant Senior Homeroom Teacher. Repeated lateness or absence can seriously limit a student's academic progress. If a student does miss a significant part of their school time then this may affect their promotion into the next part of the programme or the awarding of certificates. A record of attendance will now be included in all school reports.

We all now hope for a productive, happy and undisturbed term.



From Mr Jarrett and Ms. Kelly -Senior Homeroom Teachers

In order to help ensure that we are fully aware of all students who are present at school we have introduced a new signing in and signing out procedure. This procedure will make sure that we know of all students who have missed the registration session between 7.15 and 7.20 am. Upon arrival at school, students missing this session must sign the appropriate sheet situated in the school reception. After doing this they should go immediately to the appropriate lesson. Additionally, in the exceptional situation that a student needs to leave school during the school day, they must also sign the sheet. In the event of an emergency evacuation, this procedure will help us to know exactly who is in the school building at that time.

These signing in sheets will also enable staff to monitor the punctuality of students. Whilst, the vast majority of our secondary students arrive at school well in time for registration with their homeroom teacher it is important we have full knowledge of those who regularly fail to do this. We will then be able to take action against those who persistently fail to arrive at school for the beginning of the school day.

Now that we have returned to school following the enforced closure last week and the Eid holiday, it is important that we make sure all absences are accounted for from the first few weeks of term. If your son/daughter was absent during this time please ensure that a signed note stating those dates is given to your sons'/daughters' homeroom tutor. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.



Secondary After School Activities

The following clubs and activities are now on offer for the period Wednesday 14th October – Monday 13th December. Please use the reply slip below to indicate which activities you would like your child to join. No student will be allowed to participate without a signature from a parent or guardian. The times for these activities are 2.00 – 3.00 and students should be collected promptly.

We hope to extend the range of activities next term and make more connections with clubs and organizations out with the school. If you have any suggestions or recommendations then please let us know. A second block of activities will be offered in January. Please note that the sports clubs are already running. The school has already started plans for involvement in both the Model United Nations and the Global Issues Network. Information on these will follow in a later Newsletter. The school Student Council will also begin soon.

Monday Activity	Year Range	Maximum Number
Music/ Drama Club	7-10	15
Girls Table Tennis	7-10	16
Boys Volleyball U12	7+8	-
Boys Volleyball U13	9	-
Boys Basketball U14	9	-
Girls Basketball U14	9	-

Wednesday Activity	Year Range	Maximum Number
Girls Volleyball U13	7+8	-
Girls Volleyball U14	9	-
Girls Basketball U12	7	-
Girls Basketball U13	8	-
Beginner Bass Guitar	7-10	4
Book Club	7+8	10

After School Activities

Reply Slip

(To be given to the Homeroom teacher as soon as possible. Places are limited so late requests may not be met)

I would like my child to join the following after school activities:

Monday

Wednesday

Name of Student:

Year Group:

Homeroom Teacher:

Date:

Name of Parent/ Guardian:

Signature: