



Monday 12th
January

Normal Timetable
G12 Parent Social
Evening 18.00

Tuesday 13th
January

Normal Timetable
Visit of relocation
agents to both
campuses in
morning.
G11/12 Visit to
Tate Modern 13.00

Wednesday 14th
January

Normal Timetable
University of Exeter
Presentation 13.00

Thursday 15th
January

Normal Timetable
India visit meeting
for parents (at
Lower and Middle
School) 19.00

Friday 16th
January

Normal Timetable

News from the Principal

Work continued over the Christmas break with some further decorative improvements to the building and the completion of the full, fast broadband service.

Ms Takako Ito has taken on the teaching of Japanese A at Diploma level with Ms Matsukuma now on maternity leave.

IB Website

The IB launched its new website recently (<http://www.ibo.org/en/>) which is intended to be easier to navigate and more 'user-friendly'. I am sure they would welcome feedback from parents and students as well as schools.

An interesting précis of research into the impact of the Diploma Programme on student performance can be found at the following link

<http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/ib-research/finaldpone-pager-3.pdf>

- **Dates for this term:**

Monday 12th January: Diploma College Principal's Grade 12 Parent Social Evening: 18.00-19.30

Tuesday 13th January: Visit to College by a guest party of relocation consultants who advise parents and companies on school placement

Tuesday 20th January: Grade 12 Parent Teacher Meeting (17.30-19.30) held at 139 Gunnersbury Avenue. Reports will be issued on Managebac prior to the meeting.



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Monday 26th to Friday 30th January: Grade 11 School Examinations

Tuesday 24th February: Grade 11 Parent Teacher Meeting (17.30-19.30) held at 139 Gunnersbury Avenue. Reports will be issued on Managebac prior to the meeting.

Huw Davies

Principal – Diploma College

From the Deputy Principal:

Grade 10 students will be receiving orientation on the IB Diploma programme at the College on 26th January and parents are warmly invited to a similar orientation presentation on 28th January from 18.00 [details to follow] Please RSVP to Linda Osman losman@isllondon.org if you wish to attend.

Grade 11 news

Grade 11 semester examinations take place from 26th to 30th January at Gunnersbury Sports and Social Club. A schedule will be published early next week. Grade 11 have begun study skills work in form period with tutors and during tutorials the form tutors will also be checking the students' revision and study plans. Parents may wish to ask about these at home also!

Grade 12 news

Reminder: the final deadline for UK universities applications via UCAS is 15th January. Mr. Morris can guarantee that applications are sent to UCAS before this time only IF students complete and 'submit' their part by Monday, 12th January.

Extended Essay

Grade 12 parents are advised that grade 12 students should now be in the final stages of completing their Extended Essay ready for submission to their supervisors.

Theory of Knowledge

Grade 12 have now finished the taught component of their Theory of Knowledge (TOK) course and are now working on their examined essay. They are asked to choose one of the prescribed titles from the IB. Here are the titles - how would you answer them?

1. There is no such thing as a neutral question. Evaluate this statement with reference to two areas of knowledge.
2. "There are only two ways in which humankind can produce knowledge: through passive observation or through active experiment." To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Diversity

Understanding

Identity

Passion



3. "There is no reason why we cannot link facts and theories across disciplines and create a common groundwork of explanation." To what extent do you agree with this statement?
4. With reference to two areas of knowledge discuss the way in which shared knowledge can shape personal knowledge.
5. "Ways of knowing are a check on our instinctive judgments." To what extent do you agree with this statement?
6. "The whole point of knowledge is to produce both meaning and purpose in our personal lives." To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Upcoming Events



We will be delighted to welcome Professor A C Grayling, philosopher, writer and broadcaster, as well as Master of New College of the Humanities, to the Diploma College on **Wednesday 4th March** from 2pm. Professor Grayling will lead a '**TOK Masterclass**' with grade 11 Theory of Knowledge students on the question 'What is knowledge?' Parents are very welcome to attend.

For more information about A C Grayling, see www.acgrayling.com

Upcoming university events

Parents and students are reminded that university admissions personnel frequently visit the College to present their universities or other institutions of higher education (HE). Parents are welcome to attend these sessions.

The calendar for the visits is accessible via Managebac – ask you son or daughter to take a look with them. Here are visits coming soon:

Date	Time	Institution	Country
14.01	13.00	University of Exeter	UK
22.01	14.00	University of Kent	UK
05.02	14.00	Institut d'études politiques de Paris (Sciences Po)	France

Paul Morris
Deputy Principal