



Monday 19<sup>th</sup>  
January

Normal Timetable  
except:  
Presentations by  
Bob Tait of Drugs  
Education to  
G11 at 08.45  
G12 at 09.50

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>  
January

Normal Timetable  
G12 Parent –  
Teacher Meetings  
17.30 – 19.30 (at  
Lower and Middle  
School)

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>  
January

Normal Timetable  
G11 History visit to  
British Museum at  
13.30

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
January

Normal Timetable  
University of Kent  
Presentation 14.00

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
January

Normal Timetable

## News from the Principal

Each year we arrange a presentation to students and to parents by Bob Tait of Drugs Education UK. If you have not attended one of Bob's presentations, I would urge you to do come along. Even if you have attended before, Bob will have new information on trends and 'fashions'. His approach may be hard hitting but it is also enlightening and up to date. The 'drugs scene' is always evolving and those who make money out of luring younger (and older) people into harmful drugs use, will try to innovate in order to push as many products as they can. His presentation to parents is at 18.30 in the school hall at Lower and Middle School on Monday (19<sup>th</sup> January).

### Dates for the coming week:

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January:** Drugs Awareness talks to Grades 11 and 12 by Bob Tait of Drug Education UK. Parents are invited to a presentation by Bob at 18.30 in the Hall at Lower and Middle School, 139 Gunnersbury Avenue.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January:** Grade 12 Parent Teacher Meeting (17.30-19.30) held at Lower and Middle School, 139 Gunnersbury Avenue. Full reports will be issued on Managebac prior to the meeting.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January:** University of Kent Presentation 14.00 – at the Diploma College

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Principal – Diploma College



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## University of Exeter Presentation:

On Wednesday we hosted presentation by the University of Exeter who gave a presentation about the opportunities available at the university. A number of former students of ISL London have studied at Exeter. Courses studied have included Psychology, English and German Law and Politics and International Relations. More information can be found at:

[www.exeter.ac.uk](http://www.exeter.ac.uk)



## 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](mailto: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

### 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

Diversity

Understanding

Identity

Passion



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?
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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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
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