



Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Normal Timetable  
First Day of Term  
Three

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## News from the Principal

It is hard to believe that we are on the brink of the summer term – especially given the weather (at the time of writing this bulletin !).

The summer term is a very different experience for Grades 11 and 12. Grade 12 come to their final written assessments in the examinations and graduation from school.

Grade 11 begin to focus on consolidating and extending their subject knowledge and skills, exploring choices for higher education and beginning research for the Extended Essays. In some ways, this term for Grade 11 and the summer vacation can be seen as the crucial time for Diploma students’ academic journey. Making best use of these five months will make next year in Grade 12 all the more manageable – especially as assessments will begin to mount up in the fourth term of the IB Diploma cycle.

## Farewell

We held a farewell presentation at the College for Graham Elder who is leaving us at the end of this term to another teaching post in Hong Kong. Graham has been with the school for nearly ten years and has been a stalwart of the English B department as well as occasionally helping out with Spanish B. We wish him all the very best for the future.





## University of Leiden Presentation

As part of the series of presentations organised by Paul Morris, we welcomed a guest speaker from the University of Leiden in the Netherlands on Thursday 26th March. Leiden is one of Europe's older universities – having been established in 1575. Students can pursue undergraduate degrees taught in English (as well as Dutch of course). Further information can be found at : <http://www.prospectivestudents.leiden.edu/>



## Poetry Workshop

Grade 11 and 10 English A students took part in a poetry workshop at the College – organized by Ms Patterson and led by Dai George who is a published poet and experienced school workshop leader. Dai's recent publications include 'The Claims Office' which has been well received critically. Dai studied in Bristol and New York, where he received a Masters in Fine Art from Columbia University's famous writing programme.



**Huw Davies**  
Principal - Diploma College



## Key Dates April to June 2015

Day	Date	Event
Monday	April 13	<b>Start of Term 3</b>
Monday	April 20	G12 Study Leave begins (Teachers available in class time)
Monday	May 4	IB Diploma (G12) examinations begin. (Bank Holiday – no G11 classes)
Saturday	May 9	Annual PTA Spring Fair
Thursday	May 21	IB Diploma (G12) examinations end
Friday	May 22	G12 Graduation
Monday	May 25	Bank Holiday – no classes
Tuesday	May 26	School Holiday – no classes
Mon-Wed	June 1-10	G11 Written Examinations
Tuesday	June 23	Sports Day – all day event
Wednesday	June 24	17.30 – 19.30 G11 Parent Teacher Meeting (at 139)
Friday	June 26	<b>Last Day of Term</b> – classes finish at 12.00 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 1</b>	<b>First day of term 2015-16</b>

### From the Deputy Principal:

**Grade 11** students have had an eventful two weeks... on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> (“unlucky for some” as we say in English...) they participated in our **Extended Essay Workshops** led by Mr. Morris, Ms. Williams and Ms. Giles. The aim of the morning sessions was to introduce the Extended Essay to students and begin the process of devising, researching and writing it. Students participated in workshops to generate and brainstorm ideas, to focus and ‘finesse’ their research questions, and to access and critically evaluate online and physical research resources. On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> (finally....!) grade 11 visited the annual **UCAS convention**, which was this year held at Alexandra Palace (for the first time!) All UK and some overseas universities present at this event and it was a great opportunity for students to meet university representatives and find out about courses.

For **grade 12** it is the final furlong in their long steeplechase to the examinations: final versions of coursework are now being handed in, oral examinations have been completed, and soon there will be nothing to do but settle down to study for the exams... To give a helping hand we invited Carlo and Alice from **Lanterna Education** to run a workshop on exam preparation and study skills on Thursday.



ISL offers **revision workshops** during the Spring vacation and all grade 12 students are encouraged to attend. The schedule has been published in Managebac for some time but here it is:

Date / time	Workshop / teacher	Location
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> / 09.00 – 16.00</b>	Mathematics HL / TPA Mathematics SL #1/ RAN Mathematical studies SL / PJO	139 Gunnersbury Avenue
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> / 10.00 – 16.00</b>	History / CDU	139 Gunnersbury Avenue
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> / 14.30 – 16.30</b>	Chemistry #1 / DLL	DP College
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> / 13.00 – 16.00</b>	Japanese / TII	DP College
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> / 09.00 – 16.00</b>	Economics #1 / EGI	DP College
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> / 12.00 – 16.00</b>	Chemistry #2/ DLL	DP College
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> / 09.00 – 16.00</b>	Economics #2/ EGI	DP College
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> / 09.00 – 16.00</b>	Mathematics SL #2 / RAN	DP College
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> / 09.00 – 16.00</b>	Physics / DHA	DP College
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 09.00 – 16.00</b>	Biology / JCM	DP College

## Higher Education news

This week we welcomed **Leiden University** from the Netherlands on Thursday from 2.10pm, who presented the Netherlands as a study option as well as the degree programmes that are taught in English at Leiden. Watch this space as we are currently arranging visits from another Netherlands university and a high-profile French engineering school both offering programmes in English...

**Grade 11** have now participated in workshops to provide them with the background information and tools to research university options. Their objective is to identify a 'long list' of at least seven possible courses and institutions for the end of this semester, when we will begin work on the applications.



Congratulations to **grade 12** students applying in the UK, many of whom have now received all of their 'conditional offers' of place from their five UCAS choices. This year students are holding offers from (alphabetically):

University of Bath, Birkbeck University of London, University of Birmingham, University of Bradford, University of Brighton, Brunel University, University of Chester, City University London, Coventry University, Durham University, University of Edinburgh, , University of Exeter, St. George's Medical School University of London, Goldsmith's University of London, University of Greenwich, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, University of Hertfordshire, Imperial College London, University of Kent, King's College London, Kingston University, Lancaster University, University of Leeds, University of Leicester, University of Liverpool, London Metropolitan University, University of Manchester, Middlesex University, Newcastle University, Queen Mary University of London, University of Roehampton, Royal Holloway University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies University of London (SOAS), University College London (UCL), University of West London, University of Westminster, University of Wolverhampton.

Grade 12 now have until **6<sup>th</sup> May** to choose their 'first' and 'insurance' choices on UCAS. In the meantime, there are many open days ( [www.opendays.com](http://www.opendays.com) ) at universities to give them a taste of what may be to come.

**Paul Morris**  
Deputy Principal