



Monday 9th November

Normal Timetable

Tuesday 10th November

Normal Timetable

Wednesday 11th November

Normal Timetable Senior Maths Challenge Event

Thursday 12th November

Normal Timetable ISSA Tournaments

Friday 13th November

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News from the Principal

Appointment of new CAS Coordinator

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Klara Patterson as our new CAS Coordinator for the IB Diploma Programme. Ms Patterson has led Model United Nations visits and has been setting up links with local volunteer groups. I am sure she will continue to develop our CAS programme at the Diploma College in line with the mission of the school and the philosophy of the IB and we wish her the very best in her new role.

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Key Dates for Parents November/December 2015

Table with 3 columns: Day, Date, Event. Rows include dates from 18 November to 11 January with corresponding events like 'Bob Tait Drugs Education Lecture' and 'First Day of Term Two'.



From the Deputy Principal:

Grade 12 countdown:

- 3** teaching weeks to your mock exams!
- 7** teaching weeks until the Jan 15th UCAS deadline!
- 17** teaching weeks until your IB exam study leave begins!
- 19** teaching weeks until your final IB exams begin!

It has been an eventful week at the college! Wednesday saw university admissions tests taking place (British Medical Admissions Test and the Physics Aptitude Test), and on Wednesday afternoon students attended workshops lead by Lanterna education on managing study time, and on preparing for examinations.

Lance King Workshops



On Thursday we were delighted to host Dr Lance King and his colleague Wayne Prince, whose The Art of Learning consultancy has been instrumental in the development of the approaches to learning programme in all the IB programmes. Lance and Wayne worked with students from ISL London IB Diploma College and from the Diploma Programme class of ISL Surrey for the whole day. He helped students to reflect on how best they learnt, and how to adapt both their habits and their mind-set accordingly. Lance and Wayne introduced students to 'resilience' as a learning disposition - and what it means not to fail, but to fail better.

In the evening Lance offered ISL teachers a seminar on the development of approaches to learning in the IB Diploma programme. This is still a relatively new initiative in IB DP schools, but one that ISL IB Diploma College has already started to prepare and build into our curriculum development plan for the next years.



Forthcoming university events

As ever, students and parents are encouraged to follow events as they are announced in the Higher Education Guidance Managebac group, but here is a summary of visits to come in the next weeks:

Date / time	Institution	Country
18.11 / 14.00	HULT business school	UK USA UAE
26.11 / 10.00	SCAN Engineering school, INSA-Lyon	France
3.12 / 10.00	Newcastle University Business School, London campus	UK
To be confirmed:	Exeter University / Engineering taster workshop	UK
To be confirmed:	University of Surrey	UK

Alumni news



It was lovely to see **Harue Hirama, ISL class of 2015** drop by this week. Harue graduated with 41 points in her IB Diploma, placing her in the top 3% of IB student internationally. This is all the more impressive when we remember that Harue started at ISL in April of grade 10 with relatively little English! Harue has already gained entry to Keio University in Japan to study law and is keen to begin her degree. She would like to branch also into a study of politics and aspires to a career in the Japanese civil service. Harue would love to be in touch with any former ISL classmates and Mr. Morris can put you in contact with her on request.

Paul Morris
Deputy Principal