



**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>  
January**

G12 Normal  
Timetable  
G11 Examinations

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>  
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**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>  
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**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>  
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**Friday 30<sup>th</sup>  
January**

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## News from the Principal

Grade 11 students begin their first set of written examinations on Monday. Diploma College students have three sets of school based written examinations before sitting the final examinations for the International Baccalaureate Diploma at the end of the two year course of study. The examinations are not only designed to assess what students know and how they can apply what they know but also to enable students to have experience of the time limited conditions they will face in the final examinations.

Preparation for such examinations should include not just *continuous* revision and practice but also ensuring that you are in the prime physical state to face the exam challenge which involves not just one exam but a series of papers throughout the week. Staying up very late into the night before the exam to do that last minute revision is not a good idea nor is drinking large amounts of coffee! Getting enough sleep and making sure you are at the exam centre in good time for the start of the exam are good ideas.

**Huw Davies**

**Principal - Diploma College**

### University of Kent Presentation:



On Thursday, students were given a presentation by a representative of the University of Kent about courses and opportunities at the university. A number of ISL students have studied at Kent in subjects such as Physics and Management. Further information can be found at: [www.kent.ac.uk](http://www.kent.ac.uk)



## Key Dates January to June 2015

Day	Date	Event
Mon-Fri	January 26 -30	G11 Written Examinations
Monday	January 26	IBDP Presentation to G10 – 11.50 ( at 139)
Wednesday	January 28	IBDP Presentation to G10 parents – 18.00 ( at 139)
Thursday	February 5	14.00: Institut d'études politiques de Paris (Sciences Po) Presentation
Mon-Fri	February 16-20	Half Term holiday
Tuesday	February 24	G11 Parent Teacher Meeting (at 139)
Wednesday	March 4	14.00 Professor A.C. Grayling ToK Masterclass with Grade 11
Mon-Fri	March 16-20	G12 Art Exhibition
Friday	March 27	<b>End of Term 2</b>
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)
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
Wednesday	June 24	G11 Parent Teacher Meeting 17.30 (at 139)
Friday	June 26	<b>Last Day of Term</b> – classes finish at 12.00 pm
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>September 1</i>	<i>First day of term 2015-16</i>

### 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.. 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

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. Here are visits coming soon:

Date	Time	Institution	Country
05.02	14.00	Institut d'études politiques de Paris (Sciences Po)	France

**Paul Morris**  
Deputy Principal