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Diploma College

Week beginning 9th
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**Monday 9th
February**

Normal Timetable
G10 students visiting
College 11.50 -13.00

**Tuesday 10th
February**

Normal Timetable

**Wednesday 11th
February**

Normal Timetable

**Thursday 12th
February**

Normal Timetable

**Friday 13th
February**

Normal Timetable

News from the Principal

Presentation by Institut d'études politiques de Paris (Sciences Po)



Cecile Marin of Sciences Po talks to Grade 11 students

Students learned about the variety of programmes which are available at Sciences Po at its various locations around France. While based mainly in Paris and increasingly in Reims, there are campuses in places such as Le Havre and Menton. Students can follow the three year Sciences Po course with a year at a university in another country or a combined four year degree with two years at Sciences Po and two years at another university - including such prestigious institutions as Columbia in New York, University College in London, Keio University in Japan or Freie Universität Berlin.

Diversity

Understanding

Identity

Passion



Former students visit

We were delighted to be visited by three former students – now at university in England, the Netherlands and Oman. Atheer, Suzy and Abeer were impressed with the new location for the Diploma Programme and we are assured they will be submitting news about themselves and their university courses for the newsletter.



Huw Davies

Principal - Diploma College

Re-enrolment for 2015 -2016

The deadline for re-enrolment confirmation / notice of withdrawal for the current school year is Friday 27th March 2015.

We have already received many applications from new families for 2015 - 2016 and will soon have a waiting list for several classes. I would therefore be grateful if you could confirm by e-mail to me on email address: ygordon@islondon.org as to whether your children will remain at ISL for the 2015- 2016 school year. I appreciate that many of you will not be sure of your plans for next year and I am happy to wait until nearer the deadline for confirmation.

Thank you.

Yoel Gordon
Admissions



Key Dates February to June 2015

Day	Date	Event
Monday	February 9 th	11.50 – 13.00 Grade 10 Visits to Diploma College
Mon-Fri	February 16-20	Half Term holiday
Tuesday	February 24	11.30-12.30 G10 Parent Visits to College
Tuesday	February 24	17.30-19.30 G11 Parent Teacher Meeting (at 139)
Wednesday	February 25	18.00-19.00 G10 Parent Visits to College
Tuesday	March 3	11.30-12.30 G10 Parent Visits to College
Wednesday	March 4	14.00 Professor A.C. Grayling TOK Masterclass with Grade 11
Wednesday	March 4	18.00-19.00 G10 Parent Visits to College
Mon-Fri	March 16-20	G12 Art Exhibition
Friday	March 27	End of Term 2
Monday	April 13	Start of Term 3
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
Tuesday	June 23	Sports Day – all day event
Wednesday	June 24	17.30 – 19.30 G11 Parent Teacher Meeting (at 139)
Friday	June 26	Last Day of Term – classes finish at 12.00 pm
Tuesday	September 1	First day of term 2015-16

From the Deputy Principal:

Grade 12 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 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

Paul Morris
Deputy Principal