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Week beginning 23rd
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Monday 23rd
February

Normal Timetable

Tuesday 24th
February

Normal Timetable

Grade 10 Parent
Visit 11.30-12.30

Grade 11 Parent
Teacher Meeting
17.30 – 19.30

Wednesday 25th
February

Normal Timetable

Grade 10 Parent
Visit 18.00-19.00

Thursday 26th
February

Normal Timetable

Friday 27th
February

Normal Timetable

News from the Principal

We are holding our Grade 11 Parent Teacher Meeting in the hall at 139 Gunnersbury Avenue on Tuesday starting at 17.30 . Grade 11 parents will have seen the Semester 1 reports on Managebac and now have the opportunity to discuss these face to face with the teachers.

This week, we also will be welcoming parents of Grade 10 ISL London students to the College so they can learn more about the new environment.

The next half term is particularly short – because of an early Easter - but very concentrated – especially for Grade 12 students as they finalize various components of their subjects and prepare for the written examinations in May.

Huw Davies

Principal - Diploma College

Diversity

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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@isllondon.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

Emma Cole



On Thursday 12th February, Emma Cole spoke to Diploma College students about living with HIV and her campaign to overcome the lack of knowledge and stigma, which still surround this condition. The talk was impressive and well received by students. Emma speaks to school students at many schools around the country and more information can be found at:

<http://www.positivevoice-emmacole.co.uk/>



Key Dates February to June 2015

Day	Date	Event
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