

Principal's Update

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I hope you are all surviving the heat as the summer temperatures seem to have arrived early this year. It would be nice if winter arrives with the same speed in October/November. I am sure that all teachers are keeping children informed as to how to cope with the heat and the appropriate use of protection by wearing hats and drinking plenty of water.

As many of you will have noticed the build programme is progressing and the Primary School are fully utilising the new "L" shape (we need to think of a name). The 5s and 6s are now in the ground floor of the Secondary Extension enjoying the new classrooms and the extra space. The Secondary have been given the first floor of the new extension to use. The corridors are wider and they have excellent lighting from energy efficient bulbs rather than fluorescent tubes. We also have a new changing facility for students to use which is located by the sports field.

The Gym and Swimming pool are still on target to be completed by the end of August. The Far East Construction Company have been excellent all year in working with the School to ensure minimum disturbance to students. They have made sure that the majority of the noisy work was completed in the evenings and have been extremely flexible in rescheduling work that was causing any issue. The teaching, administration and security staff have been ever vigilant to ensure the safety of the students during this time.

We are always in touch with the Ministry of Health to ensure we have up to date information regarding any issues that might affect the students or the School. This is a note from the School Nurse regarding the latest flu situation:

The Health Authority Abu Dhabi has set up a 24 National Committee for Combating H1N1, and is being updated daily by the World Health Organisation. If you have any queries, or concerns, you can access information via the website www.haad.ae or use the toll free number 800 800. Amanda Clark Kearsley – School Nurse

Exams, the exam season is upon us some students taking them for the first time and some students taking their last exams in School. This is a stressful time for all students, they want to do their best and they understand that Parents, Teachers and friends are all watching. How much study and revision depends on the year group, the best person to talk to is the teacher of the class as they can give a clear idea of how much work is required. Always remember, for those on study leave especially, that the teachers are here to help and will always be happy to answer questions or help as best they can.

The School has waiting lists for all years, if you have not paid your deposit for next year please do so. To be fair to the families waiting for spaces please write to the Registrar if you are leaving this year. Have a happy and relaxing summer break.

Yours sincerely,



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