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# Business Dinner

Radisson Blu Hotel, Media City  
Tuesday 11th February 2020  
7pm - 9:30pm

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A very warm welcome to our 'Business focused' dinner for Sixth Form students.

The purpose of this evening is to promote careers advice and guidance, develop social skills in a business dinner setting as well as providing networking opportunities for the future. This event has been kindly supported by alumni members and friends of Dubai College who will be offering their expertise in the areas of Banking & Finance, Engineering, Entrepreneurship, Journalism & Corporate Communication, Law and Medicine.

Dubai College sincerely thank Clyde & Co and SPJ Foundation for their generous sponsorship of this event.

We hope that you have an enjoyable and enlightening evening.

Michael Lambert, Headmaster

## BANKING & FINANCE

### DANIEL HOWLETT

Regional Head of Commercial Banking,  
MENAT HSBC Bank Middle East Limited

Dan is a parent of two students at Dubai College.

Dan attended the University of Exeter and holds a degree in History.

Dan Howlett is the Regional Head of Commercial Banking for the Middle East, North Africa and Turkey within HSBC Bank Middle East Limited. In this role, Dan is responsible for all Commercial Banking activities in all countries across the region including Client Coverage, Global Trade and Receivables Finance, Global Cash and Liquidity Management and all Commercial Banking operations/activities, the latter of which includes Global Standards, Business Risk and Control Management and Commercial Banking business management. His previous role was Head of Large Corporates, UK, & Regional Head of Client Coverage, Europe. He was responsible for delivering strategy and driving performance in UK corporate banking and event activity for Europe. In this role he led a team of 500 colleagues in corporate banking centres across the UK, including Leveraged Finance, Private Equity, Corporate Real Estate and Sector specialists. With more than 29 years of experience, Dan brings strong sector expertise from a variety of roles, in sovereign risk, financial institutions and sponsors, across both the Commercial and Investment Bank for the UK and Europe.

## DAVID RAYNOR      Graduated from Dubai College 2005

Wealth Consultant, deVere Acuma  
David attended Aston University Birmingham graduating with a degree in computer science.

After leaving university, David moved to Geneva where he spent the next 6 years holding a number of positions within the wealth management arena before deciding to move back to Dubai. Over the next 2 years he worked in both Local banking and forex based out of the DIFC before deciding that he wanted to move back to the original position of Wealth manager with deVere Acuma based out of Dubai.

David now specialises in advising companies and individuals with their financial and protection needs.

- Corporate planning covers liability analysis and protection. Medical insurance advice and employee benefits structuring through planning end of service and corporate pension structures.
- Personal planning is primarily done with high net worth individuals looking to plan their investments, assess their current tax liabilities and planning for their future requirements.

## ENGINEERING

### MIKE MURPHY      Mike is a parent of two students at Dubai College.

Senior Resident Engineer and Project Manager, Jacobs  
Mike attended the University of Leeds and graduated with a BSc in Civil Engineering.  
He is a chartered civil engineer and currently Construction Director for Jacobs in Dubai. Mike has been in the Gulf region for 25 years supervising construction on roads, infrastructure, bridges and tunnels. Recent projects include Palm Jumeirah, Dubai Waterfront and the 40km Abu Dhabi STEP tunnel. Mike has appeared on TV in National Geographic's 'Megastuctures' and graduated from the University of Leeds, UK, where he once made a bridge out of spaghetti.

### REHAN ALI      Graduated from Dubai College in 2008. Member of Alumni Association.

Technical Project Manager, Serco  
Rehan attended Imperial College London to study MEng Mechanical Engineering before returning to the UAE to complete his education following an unfortunate event in the family.

He began his career in the Oil Industry, working as a Field Engineer on the LEAD Program for Baker Hughes. However, following the collapse in oil prices and the subsequent market downturn, he decided to change over to the Building Services Industry where he worked on iconic

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projects across the region as a Mechanical Engineer for Atkins. He is now working for Serco as a Project Manager and specialises in technical delivery.

## ENTREPRENEURSHIP

<b>PETER ZICKERMAN</b>	Graduated from Dubai College in 1991. He is a DC parent with two children at the school and another who is a DC alum. Member of Alumni Association.  Founder & Strategic Advisor to the Board, Polarcus  After 9 years in various offshore positions Peter has gone on to set up three companies within the Offshore Seismic Research Industry  2004 - GeoBird Management – Founder and 100% owner (250 employees) - sold to an entity that was later listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange 2007 – Eastern Echo Ltd – Founder and listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange – Company acquired in 2008 by Schlumberger. 2008 - Polarcus – Founder, Board Member and Strategic Advisor - (450 employees) Listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange. Polarcus today holds ~20% of the Global Market share
<b>NATALIE DAGHESTANI</b>  Founder, Eurthin	Graduated from Dubai College in 2005. Member of Alumni Association  Natalie attended the University of Wales, Cardiff where she graduated with a First Class Honours degree in Product Design. After leaving university in 2008, Natalie set up her first business Crystaled, an amalgamation of the words 'crystal' and 'styled' where she offered a unique personalization service using Swarovski Crystallized Elements, expertly applied by hand. She trained and managed a team of 11 designers. Notable achievements include securing a 3-year concession stand for Crystaled in the Technology Zone of both prestigious London department stores Selfridges & Co. and Harrods with celebrities such as Kim and Khloe Kardashian wearing her creations.  Natalie moved back to Dubai in 2012 relocating Crystaled where she continued running the business until 2015. She then closed the company down after she noticed trends for the bling had diminished and helped setup a family events styling business for a few years.  She then returned to the medium of Swarovski crystals and completed many crystal-embellished paintings commissions for her past clients under the name BSAB - a descriptive acronym for the medium she used to create her artworks - brush strokes and bling.

In October 2019 she launched her third business, Eurthlin. Tying together her love for design, luxury craftsmanship, sustainability and compassion towards animals and the environment. Inspired by the unspoiled beauty of the Earth, Eurthlin bridges the gap between fashion and compassion through their range of premium, signature printed vegan leather handbags and pouches offering conscious consumers elegant, cruelty free-leather goods as an alternative to traditional animal leather. Eurthlin is available online at [www.eurthlin.com](http://www.eurthlin.com)

## JOURNALISM

### RICHARD THOMPSON

Editorial Director  
MEED

Richard is a parent of a daughter at Dubai College and a son who is a DC alum.

Richard has a degree in Civil Engineering and a Masters in International Relations.

He is the editorial director of MEED, one of the Middle East's oldest and most influential media brands. In today's fast-changing media industry, Richard's biggest challenge is transforming a well-established business magazine into digitally-led, mobile-friendly, socially-enabled business intelligence service that is as relevant today as it was when it launched in 1957. Richard's career in journalism started in 1998 when he joined New Civil Engineer magazine as a reporter. Over the subsequent two decades, his career has allowed him to travel extensively, win awards, meet many interesting and influential people, and have a ringside seat at many important events. His 14 years at MEED means he regularly appears on television or at conferences as a commentator on regional events. Prior to becoming a journalist, Richard worked as a civil engineer in the UK, India and Hong Kong.

### IMAN ISSA

Regional Director,  
Corporate + Brand,  
Strategy + Planning,  
MENA, Hill +  
Knowlton

Graduated from Dubai College in 2002. Member of Alumni Association.

Iman attended the University of Leeds and graduated with a BA Hons in Communication & Law.

She joined Hill+Knowlton Strategies in 2006 and is the regional practice lead for the tourism, brand and corporate division. A passionate member of the team, she provides clients with strong strategic counsel, creative thinking and regional account direction to drive impactful and measurable results across the MENA region.

In her role, she leads high-profile, headline-grabbing product launches and manages award-winning brand campaigns. She also designs and facilitates media and presentation training programs for senior executives, in addition to messaging and crisis management support.

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Iman currently advises on a broad range of corporate and brand clients across the luxury, leisure, hospitality and tourism sectors, in addition to global consumer brands. These include: InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG), Instagram, Visa, and Emirates Post Group.

In recent years, she has lent her expertise and experience to shape the Saudi narrative. From leading the ultra-luxury AMAALA account to crafting the communications strategy for Vision 2030 as part of a mandate for the Strategic Communications Office (SMO) of the Council of Economic and Development Affairs (CEDA) and running the global Hajj campaign with the Ministry of Culture and Information.

Iman has lived in Dubai for over 25 years and is passionate about community engagement, team mentorship and Arab youth development. As the regional lead on INJAZ Al-Arab, she helps create campaigns that encourage youth to seek out entrepreneurial and work readiness skills.

## LAW

### BEN SMITH

Partner,  
Clyde & Co

Graduated from Dubai College in 2001. Member of Alumni Association.

Ben studied law at Nottingham University before completing his professional exams at the College of Law, London. Ben trained with the UK firm Penningtons before joining Clyde & Co in Dubai almost ten years ago.

He specialises in foreign direct investment. He advises clients on expansion into, and operations in, countries throughout the Middle East. He advises on the establishment and structuring of new entities and group restructuring, often in a cross border context. He has a detailed knowledge of the legal, regulatory and practical environment in which businesses operate in the region.

Ben also advises clients on a range of commercial and compliance issues, including data protection, consumer protection and customs. He has drafted and negotiated numerous commercial agreements.

Ben represents clients operating in many sectors including technology, media, pharmaceutical, retail, FMCG and hospitality.

Ben has been seconded to one of the world's largest IT hardware manufacturers and consultancy service providers and to a leading international hotel and leisure company. He has presented at various seminars and has been featured on the Dubai Eye Business Breakfast radio show. He regularly contributes to publications on a range of corporate and commercial matters.

## DANIEL SMITH

Associate, Clyde & Co

Graduated from Dubai College in 2007. Head Boy 2006-2007. Member of Alumni Association.

Daniel attended the University of Bristol graduating with an LLB and then a post-graduate LLM in International Commercial Law.

He is a solicitor with Clyde & Co and is an Associate in Clyde & Co's Dispute Resolution Group, Dubai. Daniel handles a broad range of commercial disputes, both in the UAE and internationally, across a variety of sectors, including insurance and reinsurance, energy, technology and financial crime.

## MEDICINE

### DR SARAH GILBERT

Family Medicine Specialist,  
HealthBay Clinic

Sarah is a parent of two students at Dubai College.

Sarah graduated from University College London with a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery and a BSc in Psychology.

Sarah is a specialist in family medicine and has worked in Dubai since 2011. She currently works at HealthBay Clinic.

She worked in a number of hospitals and specialties around the South East of England to complete her postgraduate training. After completing training as a paediatrician she decided to move in to family medicine. She is a member of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health and of the Royal College of General Practitioners.

### DR ANNA ZICKERMAN

Medical Director,  
Owner and  
Founder of  
UPANDRUNNING

Anna was appointed Head Girl at Dubai College in 1988 and graduated the following year. Anna is a member of our Alumni Association as are her two older daughters who are also DC graduates.

Anna attended Leicester Medical School in 1989 to start her journey to train as a Sports and Exercise Medicine Specialist. She qualified as a GP in the interim and completed her ultrasound training to enhance her skills. Having worked with a range of patients, from professional/elite athletes, clubs/teams to managing simple musculoskeletal complaints, aches and pains. Her aim is to identify and treat the cause of the symptoms, taking into consideration the bigger picture, using a holistic and integrated approach. She loves what she does and thrives on the variety of challenging cases she sees every day at her clinic UPANDRUNNING Medical Center.

<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>
Drinks & Canapés	Main Course
<b>7.20pm</b>	Orecchiette pasta with Grilled vegetables, Basil pesto cream & parmesan shaved (V)
Welcome Michael Lambert, Headmaster	
<b>7.25pm</b>	Pan seared sea bass with Asparagus, pickled fennel & citrus tomato sauce
Guest Speaker Peter Zickerman, Polarcus	
<b>7.35pm</b>	Sous vide chicken roulade with Potato and roasted vegetable jus
Starter Tomato cherry burrata with rocket salad (V)	
Asparagus & salmon mimosa salad	<b>8.45pm</b>
	Dessert
	New York cheesecake with berry compote
	<b>9.15pm</b>
	Thanks
	Bobby Trivic, Head of Sixth Form

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