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Producing the annual *Shamal* is an incredible feat and one that requires a huge group effort to produce such a high quality yearbook that we can all treasure. This year's task has been made all the more complicated by the impact of COVID-19 and we have consequently decided to produce two issues of the *Shamal 20* in response to this: an immediate soft copy (yet more innovation in the face of restrictions!) and a limited run of hard copies once we are allowed to share paper materials. As ever, our sincere

thanks go to Gareth Case, Editor-in-Chief, whose tireless dedication to the *Shamal* cause ensures that the book retains its superb quality year on year, even in the midst of a pandemic when some of the usual content was unable to be included and hours of online editing increased. Thank you also to his proofreaders, Sarah Lambert and Annie Kirkaldy, who liaised across thousands of miles proofreading digitally this year and to Debra Turpie and the staff and students who provide the content which we all enjoy reading. This edition will be one to remember for so many reasons.

Mr M Lambert
Headmaster, Dubai College

A TALE OF TWO SCHOOLS

'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times . . . it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the [summer] of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us.'

Crowned as the British International School of the Year at the Independent School Awards in London on October 7th, it looked like 2019-20 was going to be a vintage year for the school. Recipients of the award for the establishment of the Dubai College Foundation in London and subsequently the building of Jaisithok School in Nepal, staff and students at the College were recognised on the international stage for the strength of their long-standing philanthropic work within the broader tradition of our academic excellence.

Our annual alumni reunion in London was also the biggest ever this year, in no small part due to the draw of Conceicao Sousa, head caretaker at Dubai College for 36 years whom we flew to the UK as part of his retirement gift. Watching the warmth of the smile which spread across Conceicao's face as he met founding Bursar Tony Foulger, who appointed him in 1983, was certainly one of the highlights of the year. Everyone reading today's *Shamal* owes more to these gentleman than they will ever know.

Our sporting successes continued unabated in the first half of the year as the U19 Boys came out on top again in front of a packed stadium at the 50th anniversary of the Emirates Airline Dubai Rugby 7s. Our U19 Girls were also regional winners once again, missing out by a fraction on the overall tournament title, thanks to the last in a long line of well bred, well fed and well drilled South African sides who see the competition as their annual opportunity to scoop some silverware.

Shortly after the winter break we received news that a record number of our Year 13 students had received offers from the universities of Oxford, Cambridge and a whole host of prestigious US Colleges, all of which followed on from the school's highest set of GCSE results back in August.

In February the College then won the School Wellbeing and Safeguarding Award at the International School Awards in London for our positive education programme written in collaboration with Dr Louise Lambert, bringing home yet another spiky piece of glassware to sit alongside the year's already impressive medal haul. Our journey to ensure the mental health and wellbeing of all staff and students began five years ago and since then the addition of two full time school counsellors and our positive education programme have ensured that our wellbeing literacy has been improving annually.

It was around this time, however, that we all began talking about some unknown virus, which seemed to be wreaking havoc in China. We had been here before with MERS and SARS, swine flu and bird flu, or so we thought. Unfortunately, what happened next was the greatest disruption the world had known collectively since the end of the Second World War. Our annual bevy of spring holiday expeditions were cancelled, the spring break was pre-poned by 3 weeks and schools in Dubai were given notice that they were to initiate distance learning after a two week holiday.

The rest as they say is history. Dubai College Online was born on Sunday 22nd March and has been in operation ever since. At first it was just lessons and tutor time which took place online, soon fitness classes were added, parental webinars, online assessments and even Founders' Day (complete with founding Headmaster Tim Charlton). What can be replicated online has been replicated online including some incredibly creative performances by the various music ensembles under the watchful gaze of Mr Adrian Lane.

However, as we draw to the end of this unprecedented academic year we are all still longing for normality to return. What the new normal will look like we do not know but what we do know is that there is a collective will for it to happen. We are full of hope for the future, hope for the safety of our community (past, present and future), hope for a vaccine, hope for a fall in infection rates and hope for the reopening of schools. And one thing we do know for certain is that every man, woman and child at the multi-award winning Dubai College will be ready to fly out of the starting blocks to re-establish the school in person as soon as it is safe to do so. Until then we wish everyone good health, perseverance and every best wish for the weeks and months ahead.

*Mr M Lambert
Headmaster, Dubai College*



*Mr Edward Quinlan,
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*Mr Michael Lambert,
Headmaster, Dubai College*

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SCHOOL AWARDS

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF THE YEAR 2019

Dubai College is awarded British International School of the Year 2019 at the Independent Schools of the Year 2019 awards in London

Students, staff and parents at Dubai College are celebrating after winning the International School of the Year title at a glittering awards ceremony in central London on Monday 7th October, praised by judges for establishing the Dubai College Foundation which has allowed them to build a school for a remote community in Nepal in partnership with United World Schools.

The awards are run by Independent School Parent magazine and open to both independent schools from across the UK and international schools who are members of the Council of British International Schools (COBIS).

Michael Lambert, Headmaster of Dubai College said:

"We are thrilled to have received this award and are delighted with the glowing feedback we received from the judges. It has taken us three years to establish the Dubai College Foundation in the UK and subsequently obtain a licence from International Humanitarian City to be able to officially raise funds in school for initiatives outside of the UAE. Our vision was to provide an education to children in remote areas. The school that we have established is called Jaisithok and will cater for around 200 children who are currently walking 60-90 minutes to reach a government school or are not attending at all."

The awards ask to see evidence of success stories that feature both individuals and innovative practice, for a judging panel that is made up of heads, governors, parents and representatives of membership associations from across the independent school sector and chaired by Dr Helen Wright, former President of the Girls School Association and Vice-Chair of the Independent Schools Council in the UK.

Kieran Dempsey, Bursar of Dubai College, who collected the award in London said:

"It is a great honour to receive this award. Using the Foundation to support students in the UAE as well as providing huge opportunities for the children in Nepal fits in perfectly with the philanthropic ethos of Dubai College. We are grateful that the hard work in this area with both the International Humanitarian City in Dubai and United World Schools has been recognised."



Rupal Shah, Charities Coordinator at Dubai College has been instrumental in setting up the school and said:

"It's been three long hard years of making a dream come alive. Building a school in Nepal with the help of United World Schools has been so rewarding and we can't wait to welcome our first students in the next couple of weeks. Our first group of Dubai College students will become the first ambassadors to visit Jaisithok in February and begin what will be an enriching partnership for all."

David Moncrieff is Chair of the Editorial Advisory Board at Independent School Parent magazine who run the awards. He said:

"Following the huge success of the inaugural competition last year, which saw more than 250 school nominations entered, we are thrilled to have surpassed that figure for Independent Schools of the Year 2019. The awards were once again designed with the student experience at their heart and to provide schools with a platform to showcase their stories of innovation and success. The judges had a tough job on their hands picking the winners from the shortlisted entries, but the schools we have seen tonight were hugely deserving."

This year saw a record number of entries from a wide range of schools. There were twenty different categories, a reflection of the depth and breadth of the independent school experience.

All those who made the finals gathered in London for an awards ceremony where winners were presented with trophies by the judges. All the finalists will now be featured in a widely distributed special winner's supplement magazine and will be given a rosette to display alongside their brand.

www.independentschooloftheyear.co.uk/2019-winners/

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD FOR OUR POSITIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The International School Award recognised our Positive Education programme which was recently launched at an event attended by Dr Abdulla Al Karam, Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Director General of KHDA.

The International School Awards 2020 took place in London on Monday 20th January with over 225 senior figures from international schools and education organisations attending the event.

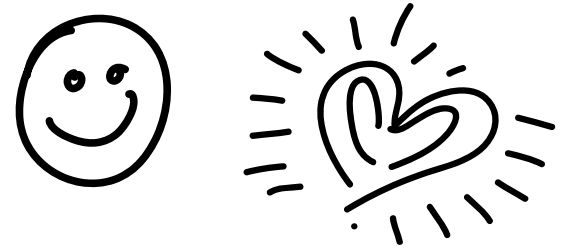
The annual International School Awards, which are hosted by ISC Research, recognise outstanding initiatives being delivered in English-medium international schools around the world. Award categories include school wellbeing and safeguarding, supporting students as future-thinking innovators, inclusion, supporting students' pathways to higher education, digital technology in learning, and ethical values education.

This year, the Awards attracted 255 eligible nominations from international schools in 40 different countries including the United Arab Emirates, USA, UK, China, Egypt, Guatemala, Colombia, Zambia, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Slovenia, Bosnia & Herzegovina and South Korea.

Dubai College won the School Wellbeing and Safeguarding Award for our research-led initiative which drew on best practice and expert advice to create a programme of positive psychology interventions for its students. The programme was co-written by our Heads of Positive Education, Mark Samways and Sheridan Teasel with the assistance of Dr Louise Lambert, a psychologist and editor of the Middle East Journal of Positive Psychology. The 25 minute classes focus on social skills, health and cognitive and psychological ability.

Mark Samways, Head of Positive Education (Years 7-10) said:

"I am beyond proud that our Positive Education programme has won the International School Award for our initiative to support school wellbeing and safeguarding from over 250 entries. I feel very grateful to work at Dubai College where wellbeing is given the time and funding it needs in order to develop such



a programme. We are also incredibly lucky to work with the amazing Dr Louise Lambert who without, none of this would be possible. We are right at the beginning of our approach but it is amazing to get this recognition."

In addition to this year's headline sponsorship by TES, category awards were sponsored by BETT, New York Times inEducation, Enhanced Learning Services, InterHigh, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, British Council Schools, Furlong, Pearson, SpaceZero, Follett, Monash University and Impero Software. According to ISC Research data, there are now more than 11,000 English-medium international schools around the world teaching over 6 million children.

"There are some quite exceptional international schools implementing truly outstanding initiatives," said CEO of ISC Research, Leigh Webb. "ISC Research is very proud to host the International School Awards which help to recognise, and raise awareness of some of these very best initiatives. All initiatives have to demonstrate to the judges evidence of strategies that enable the initiative to be shared with other schools. Many congratulations to all the award winners."

www.iscresearch.com/news-and-events



LAURA MACE

Eleven years ago, I arrived in Dubai ready to expand my career as a performing arts teacher with a new adventure in the UAE. I didn't know what to expect, and could not then have anticipated what a fulfilling and enriching experience it would be, of which Dubai College has played no small part. After reflecting on my time here, I really do have so many fond memories and will miss calling Dubai 'home' when I head back to the UK this summer. I would encourage every one of you not to wait until you are leaving Dubai to take a moment to give thanks for what a unique opportunity you all have as Dubai expats. For me, teaching and living in this Emirate has provided so many outstanding learning opportunities, amazing life experiences, wonderful adventures and so much more.

Four years ago, I was given the exciting opportunity to become one of the drama teachers at Dubai College. It has been a privilege to be a small part of such a prestigious school with the most wonderful students and staff. I feel incredibly grateful to have worked with such talented students during this time and to see your awe-inspiring performances during class work, extra-curricular activities, collaborations and our wonderful DC productions. It really has been a pleasure to have taught so many of you over the years; thank you for your creativity, humour and dedication. It is true what they say: there are no students in the world quite like Dubai College students. I will miss working with my lovely, talented, drama department colleagues and I am very excited to hear all about the new performing arts SPACE next year.

I will always remember my time at Dubai College with fondness. Wishing you all a lovely summer and many happy years at DC.



CJ INNES

Aloha! Although my time at Dubai College has been short, it has also definitely been sweet. Since moving to Dubai in August 2019, Dubai College has lived up to all my expectations and more. The staff have been so welcoming and I have made friends for life. The students are all so polite, patient and a pleasure to teach. I would like to extend a special thank you to my netball and football teams I have coached this year. You have made the long bus journeys and late night trips to The Sevens all worth while. I have thoroughly enjoyed coaching my teams and teaching my classes over the past year and hope you have enjoyed my wee Scottish accent running up and down the pitches and courts. Thank you to my department for welcoming me with open arms and answering my constant questions. I am gutted I won't be able to say a goodbye to all of you in person but please know you all played a



part in making my first year teaching abroad so special. I'm sure our paths will cross on a netball court sometime soon...!

JANAN JALAL

Throughout life, we experience different stages and these give us:

1. New lessons
2. New, or the end of, relations
3. New knowledge and skills

Over the 13 years of being a teacher at Dubai College, I learned so many lessons that I will always remember. I gained many new skills and I thank God for bringing such an experience my way.

The most important point for humans is relations with others. Back in 2007, I came to know the existing members of staff starting with Mr Parton (bless his soul) who appointed me to DC and made me feel so proud. Then we come to the DC staff whom over the years I have said goodbye to and welcomed other new members, I can never forget Mr Gulliford who always used to advise me to 'Keep smiling!'. Thank you to all the DC staff for sharing nice times with me as we all make such a successful team.

I have had the honour of meeting

parents who always motivated me with their positive comments and cheerful words whether at parents' evenings, via emails or even when I come across them around school.

Last, but not least, the students; over the last 13 years I have seen many students grow and I learned so much from them. I learned how to deal with every year group differently, I learned how to listen to their opinions and accept them, and I learned how to make students positive in Islamic lessons, and this is the legacy I can say that I am leaving behind in students' hearts and minds.



MRS A CLAEYS



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Absent: Agata Savelyeva

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SCW

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Front Row: Andy Kim, Kiara Dhamecha, George Brewer, Ranveer Jethwani, Dihui Yu, Amaya Hussain, Eman Ansari



YEAR 7 WEEK 1 REFLECTIONS

My name is Mikail and I have completed just over two weeks in Dubai College in Year 7. What an action packed and exhilarating experience! Packing dozens of books, rushing from one class to another, changing for football, meeting so many new teachers, making lots of new friends – DC has truly been memorable so far.

We had all heard so much about DC. It's difficult to get in, it's challenging once you are in, it's all the top students from Dubai. To be honest, that can be rather intimidating. However, it has turned to be a surprisingly friendly and welcoming school, with teachers and older students all making a special effort to guide us and help us settle down easily. The students themselves have also helped one another out immensely. From friends through primary school to friends working on a project in Science, everyone has got together in an impressive way to



support their classmates. The general spirit of collaboration has made settling in fairly easy. We are lucky to have such a fantastic set of boys and girls being led by a great team of teachers.

Of course, being bombarded with homework right after the first week also helped us settle in quickly, as we simply had to hit the ground running!

Mikhail, Year 7

On the first day of Year 7, to say that I walked into school extremely nervous is an understatement! I had made a mental list of hundreds of things that could go wrong. What if, instead of making friends, I made enemies? What if I made a mistake and got on my form tutor's bad side on day one? I think you get the picture! However, as soon as I walked into the classroom, I calmed myself down because my form tutor and a multitude of students beamed at me, making me feel extremely comfortable. I soon came to realise I had nothing to fear, everyone at DC was extremely welcoming and

friendly!

And so my journey at DC began... For Year 7 students, one of the hardest things about being a new pupil was finding our way to lessons. I constantly had to rely on a friend who had a good sense of direction because when it comes to locating places, I am hopeless! I lost count of the number of times I walked into my lessons saying, "Sorry I am late, I got a bit lost!" This wasn't the only thing I struggled with; I found setting up all of the school related portals on my computer like the twelve labours of Hercules! After those experiences, I will never make fun of my mum again for being slow with technology!

After a few days, the dust settled and I truly started to feel at home in DC. I've started to make many new friends and immerse myself in new activities. All in all, my first week at DC was stressful but exciting at the same time!

Lara, Year 7





YEAR 7 BBQ

YEAR 7 BBQ

The Year 7 BBQ this year was as fun (and chaotic) as ever. The Sixth Form students set up the obligatory games for the inter-tutor group competition and it was great to see so many students taking part in the pool games, water balloon fights and of course the doughnut eating challenge - to name but a few. After some delicious burgers and hotdogs, washed down with yet more sugar and chocolate, it was time for the highlight of the event...the dances. It was very hard to choose a winner this year but congratulations to 7ACL who just pipped the other groups to be 2020 champions.

*Mrs K Greenlees
Head of Year 7*





MR A DAY

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Left: Chloe Bowtell, Taran Kumar



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A YEAR IN REVIEW

20th June 2020

Saturday afternoon. Sixth Form Centre. Mr Trivic takes a solitary stride around the deserted carrel areas. Woody the cat, himself sporting something of a corona bulge, follows at a safe distance, clearly au fait with the de rigueur regulations, eyeing the strange yet familiar figure with some suspicion. Mr Trivic runs his hand over the photocopier, customarily a hub for frantic exchanges in exam season, and it sparks into life, confused but grateful for some custom. What remnants exist of this academic year? A Maths test on Chapter 6 Trigonometry functions (83%, Grade A). Some notes on oxidation states (Chemistry not America). An Elizabeth Arden green tea exotic fragrance. The Sports Day house trophy atop a mercifully empty fridge. 'A fridge! How did I never spot an illicit fridge?' Mr Trivic asks himself. He wanders into the Common Room. It hasn't been this deserted since, well, since he closed it for misuse in February. He spots that time-old culprit of many a fire alarm, the popcorn maker. Its brand name 'Nostalgia'. Sounds about right. He dusts down his dinner jacket, straightens his bow tie in the mirror and makes the lonely, eerie walk to the Auditorium to commence the Virtual Graduation Ceremony.

It is an occasion that normally has the campus abuzz with celebration, well-dressed young adults scurrying out of the heat of the car park to take their bear-laden pew, ready to mark the transition from student to alumnus, ready to take stock of their time at DC and to leave for the wider world with a spring in their step. Yet whilst the pews this year are empty, whilst the Sixth Form Centre is

eerie and devoid of its usual sights and sounds (and smells of burnt popcorn), there is still so much to celebrate, so much to remember in a unique year of endeavour, enterprise, innovation, resilience and spirit.

Our Sixth Formers have a well-earned and far-reaching reputation for academic endeavour and this year is defined by its magnitude thereof. Ever more university applications, a record number of EPQs, more essay competitions entered, more MOOCs undertaken; the quest for academic enrichment belies countless and uncountable hours of independent research, self-motivated mastery and dedication. Sitting in on an EPQ presentation is one of DC life's most acute academic pleasures. This year's topics ranged from China's One Belt One Road initiative to the influence of modern architecture on our behaviour to Armaan's wonderful exposition of Hendrix's rhythm guitar style. Riffing on the theme of self-motivated academic enrichment is the expansion of student-led activities with ever more societies and discussion forums. Our unique selling point in terms of academic enrichment is our weekly TopUP session. Led by passionate teachers for passionate students, this is the forum where like minds explore their subject specialism in a way that is unconstrained by a syllabus, and this year we have seen even more student-led TopUPs including Psychology, Business Studies, Law and Philosophy. The Forum is our cross-curricular symposium for discussion on themes including, this year, 'Wealth and Inequality' and 'Innocence and Experience'. These are all genuinely top quality opportunities that allow students to explore their love of learning away from the small matter of three or four challenging A Levels. The hours spent towards all these endeavours are unpublic, unpublicised, unglamorous, yet they are the cornerstone of our students' transition to a university mindset and preparation for a world away from home. It is also precisely these endeavours that enrich university applications to the extent that 63% of our Year 13 students have chosen as their top choice destination a university that resides in the top 1% in the world. A phenomenal achievement.

Were Dubai College Sixth Formers only to occupy themselves with academic endeavours, they would be busy enough, but to suggest this would be criminally reductive. Our sportswomen and sportsmen continue to dominate proceedings on the courts, pitches and pools of the city, despite a temporary hiatus from our own indoor facilities. The U18 boys' football team's victory in the Dassa League Division 4 was the highlight for the loyal fans fan (thanks Mr Cottam), though my sincere congratulations go to all boys and girls for their tremendous success in an understandably curtailed season. *Little Shop of Horrors* delighted

us all in February, not least Jake's scarily convincing sadistic dentist. This month brings with it the departure of our outstanding Year 13 dramatists and singers who have dedicated hours in perfecting their craft for our delectation. Likewise, the uncountable hours of rehearsal for the numerous singers, choristers and musicians who have graced the Auditorium and latterly the fantastic DC Online Musical Society. Sourav Roy reached the regional pinnacle of musical perfectionism by being crowned the Young Musician of the Gulf in January. Special mention also to Tom Jarvis who has the ability to instantly transport you to a smoky New York jazz café with seeming effortless ease. Our Sixth Form is awash with artists, technicians, designers, journalists, writers, computer programmers, reviewers, sculptors and engineers who add creative thought and an appreciation of beauty to our community.


But even to stop here would be reductive. Our Sixth Formers also have a genuine pastoral and moral compass relentlessly placing the needs of others before their own. The Year 7 and Year 8 liaisons are our unsung heroes, peppering up their younger peers and prepping them for what the path that awaits. This year the Sixth Form demonstrated a real appetite to support other learners in Dubai College and with the support of Viraj Ramakrishnan (13 SZO), Mrs Maguire introduced the Peer Tutoring programme to channel this interest. 22 Year 12 students undertook training in the principles and application of peer tutoring in preparation for a weekly tuition slot with a Year 11 student on Monday mornings. One to one academic tuition was offered in ten different subjects over the course of Term 2. Many students continued to provide this support when we moved to online learning which has helped maintain our feeling of community. Year 11 students benefited from tailored subject support from a peer who had prepared for an examination on the same material less than a year earlier and Year 12 students benefited from learning teaching skills and coordinating sessions. From a pastoral perspective it has been wonderful to observe relationships develop across the school and we anticipate this will further promote integration when Year 11 swap the white shirts for blue and join the Sixth Form next term.

I would very much like to thank the Sixth Form 'dream team': the twenty tutors for their indomitable spirit, humour and eagle eyes; Mr Tate and Mrs Maguire for their tireless pursuit and embodiment of student enrichment and morality, for always putting the students first and for being such fun to work with; to Ms Moore, whose calm demeanour defies the daily dizzying dynamics of Sixth Form life. Above all, I'd like to thank the

students themselves for being the essence of who we are and what we do. I miss the in-person buzz, the humour, the daily excellence, the inspiration that I draw from them. I look forward to the day that the hum of the Sixth Form Centre returns.


Mr B Trivic
Head of Sixth Form

A SELECTION OF THE FAREWELL PADLET MESSAGES SENT TO YEAR 13 STUDENTS

 Anonymous 2d
Year 13 Economists

You have been my first A-level teaching group at DC and have set the bar pretty high! As a group you have been entertaining, curious, intelligent, warm and so enjoyable to teach! I will miss our conversations regarding the world, the economy and life in general. You have all shown so much growth and maturity and I wish you all the very best for university ahead! Take the opportunity to explore, ask questions and challenge yourself! All the very best for university.


Mrs Husain

 RODwyer 6d
Dear friends....

I hope you enjoy the few memories I've put up here for you... I already miss you and my daily dose of laughter that your antics produced.


Stay silly. And come visit.

MsOD

 RODwyer 6d
Winning!

How much sleep did you get Aakanksha?



 Anonymous 5d
Year 13 Psychologists...

Thank you for being kind, respectful and enthused.

Thank you for the deep classroom discussions and debates.

Thank you for responding to feedback.

Thank you for being resilient when told, it is insufficient for a mark!

Thank you for your 'informed consent' and participation during psychological experiments.


Thank you for trusting, supporting and listening.

Thank you for choosing to be the first ever psychology cohort at Dubai College.

I will really miss teaching you and I wish you all the best for the future.

Psychology never stops – just look at the world around you right now!

Ms Sopaul

 Anonymous 1Mo
Year 13 Physicists, SPE form group, U-19 girls basketballers and all of you that I've crossed paths with..

I've had a great time getting to know you all and really enjoyed finding out what makes each of you unique. Do more of what you enjoy and are passionate about. Surround yourself with people who are happy for your successes and who will support you in hard times. Do the same for them. And have tons of fun in university! Mr P



Anonymous 1m
Come Back Soon!

Dear Year 13,
I am so sorry that your year has ended in this way and I hope that I will be able to see you all face to face in January for a catch-up! I feel I know some of you very well and some hardly at all, but those of you who have been on the receiving end of my hilarious jokes (some poor souls for an almost uninterrupted seven years) have been kind enough to pretend that you find them as funny as I myself do. The next phase of your lives begins now and having witnessed your humour, intelligence, affability and wisdom first hand, I am sure that each of you is ready for what awaits you. Please come for a visit soon - you are always welcome in this oddly clean room!

Mr Tate

Anonymous 23d
Form 7-11RV

I was thinking of writing you all a personalised message, but realised I have far too much to say about you all. I wish I could have personally come and said goodbye and good luck to you. However, I know you don't need the luck and I am hoping this isn't a final goodbye. You all came to me in year 7 as the form class that many dreaded to teach, but you finished in year 11 as the class everyone loved to teach. I will never forget you all

Thank you for all the amazing memories :)

Mr V

Anonymous 1d

Keep Whacking it on...



Anonymous 1m
Year 13 Musicians!

Hannah B, Hannah D, Casey, Finn, Tom, Anahita, Charlotte, Daliya, Ritvik, Viraj, Rima, Tallulah, Katie, Tricia, Raphaelle, Suryansh, Sausthava, Nadia, Grace, KV. I have absolutely LOVED working with you all over the past 7 years and I am so proud to have watched you all progress, grow, blossom and evolve into the beautiful young adults you have become today. I will miss you all so very much and will always remember the awesome times we had making fabulous music together. Thank you! I hope that music will always be a part of your lives and wish you all every success and huge, huge luck for the future.

Keep in touch!

Ms Lee-Foster xxx

Anonymous 1Mo
School Productions!

Tempest, Alice in Wonderland, The Odyssey, West Side Story, Showtime, A Dream Play, Guys and Dolls, Our Day Out, Little Shop of Horrors...I hope I didn't forget any!! THANK YOU SO MUCH to any of you that have contributed to the legendary DC School productions. Whether that be on stage acting, singing and dancing, backstage, in the orchestra, up in the lighting box, front of house, doing hair and makeup, selling tickets or coming to support your friends. The shows are what they are because of your hard work - THANK YOU! It's been a blast!

Ms Madison

Anonymous 1m
Good Luck Year 13!

To everyone we have supported through Student Services- you know who you are- Well Done! You have managed to complete the year despite barriers to learning and the most challenging circumstances. Stay in touch and be proud of everything you have achieved.

Mrs Penney

Anonymous 1Mo

Easy now! Big respect going out to the GJ massive. It's been real. Keep the peace out there my lovelies <3

Anonymous 1m
To My Year 13 Chemists (RMI):

Ajay, Noa, Ciara, Aakanksha, Diptarsi, Raphaelle, Sophie, Jessica, Aparna, Gabrielle, Jake.

Thank you for being such an awesome group of students. You made the lessons so enjoyable with your enthusiasm, interest and drive to learn. I will miss teaching and learning with you. Please try to stay in touch and continue to impress your next set of teachers.

Just for one last time.....

A man walks into a bar and orders H₂O, a second man walks in and seeing the first man's drink says...I'll have H₂O too. Only the first man survives and walks out alive.....

See it is good to be a Chemist :-)

Mr R Miles

Anonymous 1m
An addition of mathematicians!

Is that the correct collective noun? "search it up!"

As a collective, a set, a group, you have been an amazing bunch to teach over the last five years. Really? Yes.

For those of you who I have taught for five years in a row, there are parts of my personality that you know better than I do, and vice-versa! Weird! I will miss your good humour, your warmth, your intellectual curiosity but most of all, our daily conversations. Continue to be great in all that you apply yourselves to. I hope that your first semester at university is as normal as can be hoped for and I look forward to hearing from you in Jan.. All the very best, take care,

Mr Almond

RODwyer 6d
I hate Macs





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CONSERVATION TRIP SOUTH AFRICA - SUMMER 2019

During the first two weeks of summer, six Dubai College students, including myself, went on a two week trip to South Africa. The purpose of this trip was to assist with wildlife researchers with collecting data to improve and monitor conservation efforts of the wildlife located there, as well as contributing towards the collective effort of Operation Wallacea's conservation projects. We were also educated about the many diverse plant and animal species located in South Africa, as well as the issues the conservationists are facing. Further, we had the privilege of observing many species of animals in their natural habitat - an opportunity that people of the future may not get if things do not start changing soon!

During the first week, we were stationed at a terrestrial site called Balule camp, a section of the Kruger National Park. Our daily tasks consisted of carrying out data collection, such as driving transects, bird point counts and counting plant species in quadrats; we also attended daily lectures and had

many fun activities throughout the week. During our transects we had to keep a keen eye out for any animal species, and if we saw one or more we had to stop and record various important pieces of information about them like their sex, age, health. This sounds simple until you come across a herd of 86 impala! The bird point counts were slightly more complicated as we had to listen out for birdcalls and recall how far away they are. To make this simpler we each memorised a specific birdcall instead of all of us trying to memorise the many birdcalls of South Africa. Carrying out plant transects was the most laborious of our activities, as it involved setting up a quadrat using rope and a compass, then recording the quantity of tree and grass species with in it, identifying and naming the species, as well as their state of growth.



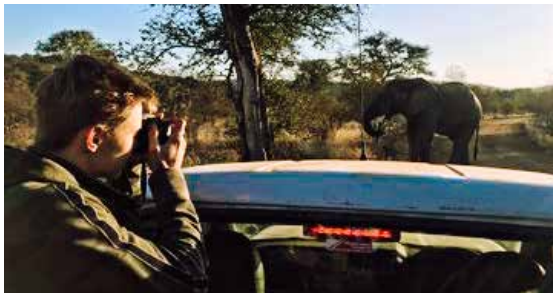
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Our second week was at Sodwana Bay on the East coast of South Africa. This second week was far more relaxed as in the morning we would perform leisure dives to witness the sheer biodiversity of the coral reef in the bay. It is a very rare sight to see such a colourful and lively reef, so it was a massive privilege to be able to dive there. After our dives in the morning were done we would then spend the day either performing beach walks to pick up any rubbish that may have washed ashore, or head back to camp. In the afternoon, we would have lectures about marine life and any conservation efforts or issues to do with the ocean.

I would recommend this trip to anyone interested in wildlife conservation, as it gives you the chance to learn about the efforts being made and create many connections for future opportunities. It also

allows you to directly contribute towards preserving the natural wildlife of the earth, as opposed to going through the middle man. I hope this trip continues to be as successful as it was this past year and that many more decide to join.

Ciara, Year 13



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WORLD CHALLENGE TRIP
SWAZILAND AND MOZAMBIQUE
SUMMER 2019

On June 25th nineteen students and three teachers all set off on what would be a life changing experience to Swaziland and Mozambique. First of all, we headed down to an area in Swaziland cut off from the rest of the country. This was where we got to spend some great time living a different life to the one we are used to back home. We met some great people as well as younger children who always had a smile on their faces. We had the opportunity to build the foundations of a school for them, visit their local church and face them in a game of football.

We then headed off to another part of Swaziland where we experienced zip-lining over the wonderful nature and views that Swaziland had to offer. This was followed by a two-day trek through the Savanna where we finished at an animal reserve where we stayed for three days. We saw and witnessed lions, elephants and much more. After this we drove down to Mozambique and were greeted by beautiful beaches and blue seas. We swam with whales and dolphins as well as learning more about the country itself and its enriched history and plans for the future before flying back to Dubai. We would like to thank Mr Verma, Miss Quigley and Ms Sopaul for looking after us throughout the trip.





COBIS SCHOOLS DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020

Five of Dubai College's most experienced debaters boarded a plane to Spain's famous sunny seaside destination of Marbella on February 5th. The COBIS Schools Debating Championship 2020 took off in full swing, with 16 overseas British schools participating in two days of intense debate. Our power team of five included Davey (Year 12), Tiya (Year 12), Euan (Year 13), Tia (Year 12) and Sanjana (Year 12), and of course, our very own Mr Agent to accompany us.

We began our trip by visiting the nearby city of Malaga to unwind after a long day of flights and socialize with the other teams. The day formed many new friendships and was followed by a wonderful formal Gala Dinner.

After a day of fun and festivity, it was finally time for the debate competition to start. Dubai College smashed the first day, with two great wins and qualified for the Cup competition, despite suffering one loss. The next day also consisted of a number of high quality debates, and although we got eliminated and were not able to make it to the Cup finals (a controversial outcome for sure), we enjoyed watching the rest of the debates and learnt much from the interesting motions argued.

We all thoroughly enjoyed the entire experience and took pride in representing Dubai College. From eating sumptuous Spanish oranges every morning at breakfast, to partaking in intense intellectual debates, to making a diverse group of intelligent friends, every part of the trip was extremely fulfilling and we are thankful for the amazing opportunity.

Sanjana, Year 12



HISTORY TRIP TO RUSSIA

On our trip to Russia we went to the historic city of St. Petersburg for three days and to the modern city of Moscow for four days. We saw many amazing sites, all presenting a diverse range of architecture, including: The Hermitage, The Kremlin, Lenin's Mausoleum and Christ the Saviour Cathedral. In between visiting these places, we also went to museums, my favourite being the Gulag Museum which immersed us in the experiences and suffering of prisoners. We went on many walks so did not forget to exercise and enjoyed the cool night air.

We also experienced modern life in Russia, by eating in canteens and going to a hockey match, where we were kissed by the Horse Mascot and our noise was welcomed by the fans and the announcer. The cultural difference in the way people live their lives and different ways of displaying respect were new to us – compared to us, most people were much

quieter and stoic. In the evenings, we filled our time by going to see a ballet and a musical concert, both activities allowing us to dress up and have two very fancy nights out. As someone who has done ballet before it was amazing to see how professionals performed in *Giselle*.

It was not all glitz and glamour and we did visit a bunker called 'Bunker 703'. We saw the extreme methods the Soviet Union took to protect their secrets and weapons, as well as the equipment the public was given to protect themselves if a radioactive bomb was ever dropped during the Cold War. The bunker we visited was still in use in the 21st Century and was only recently opened and displayed to the public, suggesting that many are still in use and that there are many more secrets from that period still to be discovered. We travelled by plane, bus, foot and most importantly the metro and its stunning stations; many of which were extremely decorative and held a lot of history in their walls. Even though I am not taking history for my GCSEs, I thoroughly enjoyed learning about Russia's culture, people and history.

I would definitely recommend the trip if you have the chance to go, as the experience introduced me to amazing cuisine, showed me how good hockey is, taught me a new culture and gave me the chance to spend time with my friends and make some new ones at the same time.

Sophie, Year 10



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CONSERVATION TRIP MADAGASCAR – OCTOBER 2019

Imagine a place that encompasses the azure waters of Zanzibar, the mangroves of Congo, the rolling hills of South Africa's wild coast, and the fiery sunsets of the Serengeti. There is no need to imagine because that place is Madagascar.

Home to over 4% of the world's endemic species, Madagascar is a biologist's dream, and that is exactly why I was so keen to go on this trip.

Before this adventure came up, I did not know a single thing about Madagascar: I did not even know where it was on the map! My limited knowledge about it came from the film Madagascar, which meant I knew precisely - nothing.

After two flights and a stopover in Nairobi, we landed in Antananarivo, right in the middle of a thunderstorm. We were all excited to go out for our first hike but the rain kept us to our hostel beds.

We woke up next morning to the earthy smell of the clay soaked with thunder and rain. Our first hike was an enlightening experience, to say the least. We took in the extensive biodiversity as the stunning landscapes unfolded at every turn. One of those long hikes involved walking in the Malagasy Grand Canyon: Isalo. The view that I got when I stood on a mountain peak with the vast expanse laid out in front of me is one that will remain etched in my memory for a long time.

One of the highlights of the trip was our stay in a research centre where we got to rub shoulders with real scientists deep in their research. We were fascinated by stem cells being grown from a sample of a mouse lemur's ear and investigating tiny bacteria present in the ring-tailed lemur under an electron microscope.

A few more hikes and road trips later, we reached a local village in the heart of Madagascar. While we imbibed the local culture, I was intrigued by the creativity of the local womenfolk who produced exquisite artefacts from straw, leaves, and twigs. However, the moment that resonated with me the most was our trip to the school in the village of Fiadanana. It was amazing to see the initiative that was taken to provide education for children who were less fortunate than us. But, it was also a humble reminder that there are still

those who have to travel unreasonably long distances to get to school and some who even do not get that opportunity at all. 'Privilege' is a word that we take for granted, and it is these experiences that redefine what that word truly means.

Even though the trip may have ended, something that every single individual on the trip came back with were timeless memories. A big thank you to Ms Dibble and Mr Almond for organising this wonderful trip; these are memories that I will cherish forever.

Sanyukta, Year 11





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SKI TRIP VERBIER 2020

Hurray! The day was finally here (albeit the very early, red-eye-three am-start); the day we fly without our parents to the Swiss Alps for a week of venturesome skiing! At 05:30 everyone was standing by, all the passports were handed over and our last goodbyes to our parents were said, then off we went to the plane. In the blink of an eye, we were already in Switzerland. The bus ride to Verbier was almost like a cinema on wheels; everyone was watching the mountains in awe while finishing off their last snacks. When we

finally put our bags down, we took a deep breath of the fresh, chilled, Swiss air. Oh boy, was that great, seeing the smoke from our breath. We went to our cosy rooms, unpacked our heavy luggage, and some even had an afternoon snooze! Every afternoon, we had the option to either do baking, swimming, relaxing or to go sledging, where many, MANY snowballs were thrown, quite a few down people's necks – a chilly surprise, amidst the roaring laughter! After a delicious dinner, everyone went to the basement to get their boots and skis fitted so that we would be ready, bright and early, the next day for our first day of skiing! Of course, Mr Woolley's famous ding-a-ling bells were handed out, a fun treat at the end of each day! Soon, after dinner, it was time for THE CUBE – a school vs school minigame showdown, ranging from a nail-biting game of musical chairs to a mini snowman building contest! Each following night, there were various thrilling activities, from the crazy disco to the amusing ice-skating, where a few noses



met the ice-cold floor! On the second-last day of skiing, we had the famous race day as well as a tasty barbeque, where quite a few people fell and slid down the mountain, with their hot-dogs falling with them – oh, was that a culinary delight for all! The last day was a little sad as we had to say goodbye to our amazing instructors and staff that were taking care of us throughout our remarkable stay. We barely noticed the flying time as many of us were resting our acting muscles. Even though it was such a stupendous trip, it was so lovely to be kissed by the sun and greeted, six hours after landing, by our classmates and teachers, ready to take on the second half of Term 2. Thank you ever so much, Mr Woolley, Mrs Greenlees and Mr Case for taking us on this splendid adventure. Will you take us to Verbier again next year?

Isabel and Ilijana, Year 8



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ICELAND GEOGRAPHY TRIP

On November 6th 2019, the date of the highly anticipated Geography Trip had arrived! Over 50 students from both Years 10 and 11, bursting with excitement, met late in the school carpark to board the buses for the airport, eager to explore the geographical wonders of Iceland.

Despite the early start and long commute to Iceland, not an ounce of enthusiasm was lost as we all splashed around in the warm, welcoming water of our first location, the Blue Lagoon. After an afternoon of fun, we reluctantly left the lagoon, exhilarated by first taste of Iceland and were giddy with excitement to finally see our rooms. The warmth of the Hotel Viking was a stark contrast to the freezing temperatures outside, even during the day. With some temperatures as cold as 3 degrees Celsius...one wouldn't want to forget one's coat!

Shortly after breakfast on day two we set off to visit Hellisheidi Power Station and learn about the various ways it generates electricity for the city of Reykjavik to accommodate the increasing demand and growing population.

Even if the interesting information and 98% operating efficiency wasn't enough, the grand window at the front of the building overlooked the stunning snowy plains and towering snow-capped mountains. Over the next few hours, we visited the Kerið crater, Gullfoss waterfall, the Great Geysir and Þingvellir National Park, where the mid-Atlantic Ridge lies and where some of the most notable scenes from Game of Thrones were shot.

Due to a prediction of extreme weather, our glacier walk was moved to day 3, with our intended shopping day and town tour being postponed. But no one minded as the glacier walk was amazing with breath taking views in every direction. Its sheer size and the vast canyons that it once filled, were thrilling to explore and even armed with ice picks and crampons, this was no easy task! So, congratulations to all those who ascended the 100 meters, to reach the peak. From there the views



only improved, and only then was it apparent the gargantuan size of the glacier. Following the challenging trek we travelled straight to Seljalandsfoss waterfall, wasting no time due to the time-consuming nature of the hike, where if the path is free of ice it may possible to walk behind the falls. This paired with the Skógafoss waterfall proved to be the backdrop of many stunning photos and undoubtedly many memories.

Day 3 was the most anticipated day of all as it was the shopping day! We were able to explore the city in small groups after a short tour around several points of interest. All of the groups completed lists of tasks assigned by Miss Quigley and Mr Thomas. Exploring the city with freedom was exhilarating as we hopped from shop to shop and dashed around frantically completing the interesting tasks. Back at the hotel, the final meal was just the best! Rewards and prizes were given

out for funny reasons, with some songs being sung and a delicious meal being served.

As the time flew by, most struggled to believe that the Iceland trip was nearly over. Sadly we boarded the bus to the airport to leave Iceland at 4:00 AM with everyone dreading the two flights. Despite the long journey back to Dubai, the six hour layover in Heathrow was welcomed as we could catch up on sleep and shopping.

As I reflect back and remember the trip, I am thankful for the efforts and super organisation of the teachers on the trip and the help of the local tour guides and people.

James, Year 10



LOCAL & OVERSEAS TRIPS



BERLIN HISTORY TRIP

On February 13th 2020, we set off to Berlin. 'We' being a group of around 30 Year 9 students and three teachers, all with one thing in common: a passion for history. Two flights and a short stopover later, we had landed, and despite the darkness of the world around us, we stared out into the streets. Every building, road and house had its own unfamiliar qualities: it was clear this city was rich in history.

We stayed in Berlin for four days, and each was packed with visits to museums, tours around the city, sightseeing trips, and other activities such as shopping and bowling. We had a great guided walking tour in groups, around Berlin, including the Brandenburg Gate, the outside of the Reichstag and a Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe. It was a great way to start the trip,

introducing us to the city and giving us some more background knowledge for the rest of our time there. We were fortunate enough to be able to have a guided tour of the Reichstag and visit the incredible DDR museum, depicting life in East Berlin. We visited five more museums during our time there, looked down at the city in the TV Tower Alexanderplatz, and had a great night out bowling. One of the funniest moments was when we were leaving the bowling alley. There were multiple elevators in the mall which took you to different floors, and we spent half an hour trying to get out of the building itself. We were all bursting with laughter!

Overall, the most memorable experience was the visit to the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp. It was an emotional experience, and really took us back into the dark times of World War II. After studying this period in Term 1 of this year, it gave us a chance to reflect on everything we had learnt and put it into perspective.

To sum up, the trip to Berlin was incredible, and I am sure I speak on behalf of everyone else when I say that I thoroughly enjoyed every moment of it.

Maria, Year 9

GCSE ART TRIP TO THE JAMEEL ARTS CENTRE

Departing school on the morning of Monday 18th November 2019, we visited the Jameel Arts Centre located on the waterfront of Dubai Creek. Amidst the contemporary landscaping, the striking sharp white building is home to an abundance of artworks.

We experienced two main exhibitions: 'Second Hand' and 'Phantom Limb'. The exhibition 'Second Hand' included artworks that challenged the way we perceive material and our understanding of what the material represents. These artworks were expressed through various media such as sculpture, paintings, drawings, photography and installations. Phantom Limb questioned our ideology of material heritage; the artworks in the exhibition displayed historical ideas whilst challenging the ways that we depict them.

One of my favourite artwork was 'Mycelium running', a large floor-to-ceiling installation, by the artist Zarah Al Gamdi that resembled organic matter. Mycelium is a fungus-like bacterial colony that moves through soil searching for nutrients. The artwork was made from delicate leather orbs which had been dried out to give them their fragility. Al Gamdi, impressively made over three thousand of them, then completed an on-site installation – carefully placing the individual leather shells in place. The flow of the installation over the interior walls to the exterior walls of the gallery created a moving and uplifting mood. Moreover, the variation in size, colour and texture added to the unrefined ambience of the artwork, suiting the exhibition title 'Second Hand'.

Another series of artwork that I admired was by Ali Cherri. He creates hybrid sculptures consisting of two or more destructured artefacts. He believes that the reformed statues gives power to what was once fragments of dying artefacts. By looking at the complexity of matter and the life-cycle of objects, he believes that we can have a new found respect for the new appearance in a sense that the pieces are recycled. Cherri carefully selects the conventionally unwanted fragments of beautiful statues and he tries to form a relationship between the different elements. There is tension between the ancient and new, the natural and synthetic, figurative and abstract, revealing an entirely new being in itself. The smooth and rough texture in the statues conflict each other, and the nails that were hammered into the new neck of one of the statues related to Frankenstein and the idea of a reformed being.

The artwork at Jameel Arts Centre was inspirational to learn about and it opened my eyes to what art can be. I so am grateful to have had the opportunity to have experienced all of the art there.

Katherine, Year 10



ECONOMICS TRIP TO JAPAN

On November 29th at 3am, twenty Dubai College students and two teachers left Dubai for Tokyo, a first time destination for DC as well as for all participants. It was 8pm by the time we got to our hotel in Shinagawa (a district in central Tokyo that many had problems pronouncing correctly!) and it wasn't long before we found ourselves in a traditional ramen restaurant slurping down our first Japanese dish. The food all week was amazing and it was great to see everyone getting stuck in.

It is difficult to pin down any one highlight after a week that included a visit to a sumo wrestling farm; a cycle tour around the Geiko and Meiko districts of Kyoto; strolling the streets of Tokyo's Manga district Akihabara where modern day gaming was created; tea in the 'micro-pig' and cat and owl cafes of bustling Harajuku (needs to be seen to be believed); a visit to the tsunami devastated zone of Fukushima and learning from survivors who

remain positive despite the enormity of the adversity they have faced...

Perhaps a highlight for some was possibly the first full day which saw us take in Team-labs Tokyo (we beat Dua Lipa to it apparently as she visited later that afternoon!) to experience interactive art displays – one involved climbing over giant bean bags through a dark room! Thanks to Khwaish for the suggestion to visit this place – it was fab! Next, we hopped back on the underground to Ajinomoto Stadium to watch FC Tokyo attempt to beat Urawa Reds and win the J League Cup. Alas they drew and so didn't win but that didn't detract from the experience: Japanese fans love to sing, they didn't stop for the full 90 minutes! After the game we got the underground back to the hotel where it felt like



JAPAN KEY ECONOMIC DATA:

ANNUALIZED GDP GROWTH RATE 0.2%, UNEMPLOYMENT 2.4%, INFLATION 0.2%, INTEREST RATE -0.1%,CURRENT

all of Tokyo's 30 million inhabitants were on the train with us. Never have we been so squashed on public transport but it was fun and good-natured.

I'd just like to say how impressed we were with how polite and well-mannered the Japanese are. We learned in our Japanese business etiquette lesson about the importance of manners and protocol when it comes to being with others. They always think about the harmony of the group rather than the individual and so culturally are very empathetic and considerate. We were taught how to bow and the important role business cards play as well as seating arrangements in business meetings. Our visit to the Motomachi Toyota plant was also a highlight. It is very different from the Pepsi Cola factory

our Year 10 economists visit here in Dubai and we watched concepts such as Kaizen, Kanban, Karakuri, Jidoka, JIT manufacturing in action. We also saw the Toyota Mirai production facility at the plant, the first mid-size hydrogen fuel cell car to be manufactured; particularly interesting after having spent a morning at NEDO (Japan's main hydrogen power plant and hydrogen storage facility) in Fukushima prefecture the previous day. This is Japan's premier R&D facility exploring hydrogen-energy development and the hydrogen created here will power next year's Tokyo Olympics. We also spent time at Panasonic in Osaka looking at how tech had changed over the ages and how such a small start-up had developed, survived and thrived to become the huge multinational it is today.

A huge thank you to David, Miyo and Junko our guides whilst in Japan. and to the Economics staff for organising the trip.

*Mr B Christopher,
Head of Economics*



ACCOUNT TO GDP +3.5%, DEBT TO GDP 238% (WOW!), BUDGET DEFICIT -3.8%, RETAIL SALES MOM -14.4%

LOCAL & OVERSEAS TRIPS

SINGAPORE RUGBY TOUR

On November 5th the majority of our senior rugby squad travelled to Singapore for our annual rugby tour as preparation for the Dubai 7s. On our way to the hotel, the tour guide pointed out some major landmarks and everyone was really impressed with how futuristic and exciting the city looked. Over the course of the 6 days, we trained, played and visited as many places as we could because we wanted to make the most of the time we had. The tour was an incredible chance for the boys across all three year groups to socialise and gel as a team as we didn't necessarily know each other very well before this. We managed to dine at some local restaurants and visit some of the main tourist attractions such as the Gardens by the Bay, Sentosa Island and a fantastic water-light show with the city's impressive skyline in the background. We trained on pitches surrounded by thick jungle and were privileged to play in the Singapore 7s at the historic Singapore Cricket Club. We performed well in the group stages of the tournament and progressed to the semi-finals where we beat UWC from Malaysia, in a nail-biting match against a good side. Unluckily, we sustained a few injuries throughout the tour and narrowly lost in the finals against the local favorites, Tanglin Trust School. Overall, the tour was an amazing

experience and really helped in our preparation for the Dubai 7s. We thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of it and thank our coaches for organising the whole trip.

Seb, Year 13



U15 WORLD BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

On December 6th & 7th the Dubai College U15 boys travelled to New York University Abu Dhabi to compete in the inaugural World School Games Basketball Championships. The competition featured teams from around the gulf in an exciting and competitive two days of basketball. After a narrow loss in the first game of the tournament the DC boys were immediately on the back foot. However, continued improvement from every player along with passion and determination saw the DC boys win the rest of their pool matches to set up a final against Dwight School and the chance at revenge for their initial loss. The final proved to be the squad's best performance: fantastic team defence and composure on offense saw DC crowned champions. Both Filip and Amal were named in the tournament all-star team, but the overall win goes to the whole squad who performed exceedingly well all weekend.

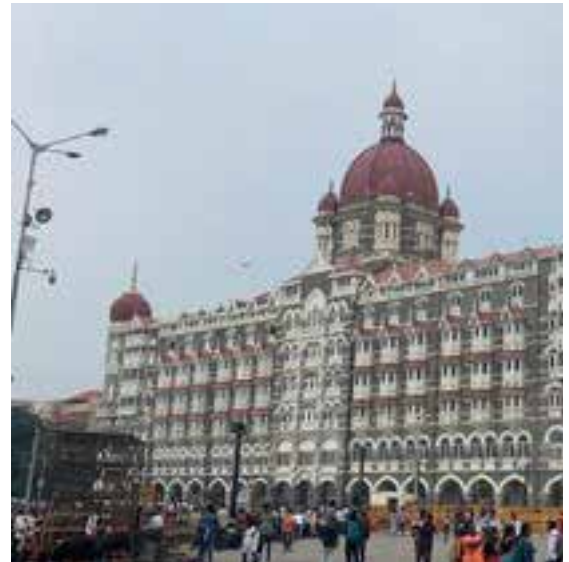


U16 FOOTBALL TRIP TO INDIA

On October 22nd Mr Jackson and fifteen DC students set off on what would be a great football trip to India. The trip started with a fantastic game against a local team which we came out of with a 2-1 win and a great experience. During our time in Mumbai we also visited the Gateway of India which was a great cultural experience and we also had the opportunity to go go-carting, all before playing one more game, which we won 4-0, and heading north to Surat.

During our time in Surat we played another three challenging fixtures as well as having time to relax and watch the football and the rugby. Throughout the trip we tried new foods as well as diving into a culture very different to the one we were used to back home. On behalf of all the students I would like to thank Mr Jackson and IJF coach Lee for an unforgettable experience!

Thomas, Year 11



SPACE

The Dubai College Sports & Performing Arts Centre of Excellence

No one could fail to notice the work going on towards the south of the site since the middle of last year. It had been decided that the Sports Hall, swimming pool and Drama classrooms needed updating and after much discussion and investigation it was agreed that the only option was a complete new build.

The design was agreed after much consultation and is intended to allow the SPACE to be a genuine multi-purpose building meeting the needs of the whole school curriculum but also provides for the myriad extra-curricular activities undertaken.

At the heart of the facility the main entrance will lead people to a central lobby and the music and drama department. From this lobby there is easy access to the new music classrooms and practice rooms as well as drama classrooms on one side and the main black box theatre on the other side. The studio has retractable seating with a capacity of 150 and an LED screen with state of the art lighting and sound systems which will allow many differing set ups of audience/performers.

The centre piece of the sports facility is the double sports hall which can be separated to allow different activities to be undertaken in either half of the space. In addition a show court for netball/basketball can be set up using retractable seating for up to 500 spectators. On the ground floor beneath the sports hall is a full gymnasium/fitness area with 4 distinct training zones as well as a running track. Alongside this are 2 studios, one for spinning and the other for aerobics/yoga. Outside there is the new swimming pool with tiered seating and an outdoor multi-use area set up with markings for basketball and netball.

In addition to these areas, there is a new medical clinic as well as the rooms for the counsellors to continue all the work they are doing for the students and staff and a café named Charlton's after our founding headmaster.

Building work throughout the year has been challenging but we are looking forward to the SPACE being in use next year and providing a suitable facility for the talented students of DC.



YMoG

Young Musicians of the Gulf

At 6am on Monday 27th January a sleepy party of 18 musicians and two members of music staff met at Terminal 3 to travel to St Christopher's School, Bahrain in order to compete in the prestigious Young Musicians of the Gulf Competition.

After a weekend of workshops and concerts in preparation, the students were well prepared and mentally focused. Each and every performance by our students was hugely impressive and I was extremely proud to watch their progress and determination. At each round, students stepped it up, taking on board advice and feedback and then applying it to the next performance. It was a tough competition with over 120 students from around the Gulf competing for the coveted title of overall winner.

Chiara (Year 11), Xiaolin (Year 10), Aryaman (Year 12), Advay (Year 10) and Sourav (Year 12) all made it through to the semi-finals with all four boys playing in the final – a stunning and prestigious affair held in the ballroom at the Sofitel Hotel. Huge congratulations go to every single one of our competitors and especially to:

Young Musician of the Gulf Winner: Sourav Roy
 Runner-up/Keyboard Prize Winner: Aryaman Chawla
 Small Ensemble Prize Winners: Advay & Aryaman Chawla





SENIOR SHOWCASE CONCERT

The Senior Showcase really does highlight how much talent we have in the Music Department. It was a stunning evening of high quality music making on Tuesday 26th November where we gathered in the auditorium.

The Senior Choir and Senior Strings opened the concert with excerpts from Faure's *Requiem* which set the tone beautifully. There was some very sensitive singing and playing all round under

Mr Bowler's expert baton.

The all new Nothing But Treble group has swelled in numbers dramatically such is the popularity of choral singing now at DC. Mr Jeffery conducted 'The Rose' and John Rutter's 'For the Beauty of the Earth' and both sounded absolutely stunning.

The superb-sounding Senior Strings were featured a lot throughout the concert accompanying soloists Tricia Chua, Sourav Roy, Tarini Tipnis and Fatima al Raqmani playing Vivaldi's 'Concerto in B minor' for four violins.

Hannah Burton was our next talented soloist on trumpet playing two arrangements of famous arias by Bizet and Purcell, while Finn Page sang two British songs by Ireland and Vaughan-Williams with great aplomb. What a superb voice! It is no wonder he won the Male Vocal prize at YMoG in January



this year.

Tom Jarvis wowed us with his awesome saxophone playing twice: first accompanied by sultry strings then later on in the second half accompanied by the legendary Jazz Band. We wish him every success when he heads off to study Jazz at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London.

The second half of the concert featured the amazing Concert Band and smaller ensembles including the Flute Choir, Senior Guitars and Saxophone Sextet. The smaller ensembles are a fantastic opportunity for our musicians to

perform within a one-to-a-part situation. My thanks and congratulations go to Mr Zapata, Mr Grigoryan and Miss Duggan for their input in this area of the instrumental programme.

Chamber Choir have been very busy recently performing with the Dubai EnSENble at the Canadian University and with the Dubai Singers at Jebel Ali Church. They performed beautifully and their commitment and dedication to this vocal group is commendable.

My thanks and congratulations go to all involved with this wonderful evening of music making.

*Ms J Lee-Foster
Director of Music*

MUSIC AND MINCE PIES

The annual Music and Mince Pies concert was held on December 11th 2019 in the Dubai College Auditorium and students performed a variety of festive tunes and songs with glee and festive spirit.

Beginner Band began the concert with their impressive debut performance of 'Turbo Rock' and everyone's favourite, 'Jingle Bells'. Which was followed by the fantastic Intermediate Band and a

foot-stomping 'Power Rock' combining both bands. Both Guitar Groups played beautifully under the watchful eye of Mr Zapata while the Brass Players charmed their audience both on stage and in the Foyer with their traditional carols led by the amazing Mr Lane. Thanks to Miss Winters, the all new Training Band were superb with their Majestic March. Miss Vaskinova and both her String ensembles entertained the audience with a fantastic 'New World' theme by the Junior Strings and the wonderful 'Adagio' from Khachaturian's *Spartacus* with YMoG winner Aryaman Chawla on piano.

The Saxophone Sextet played a jazzy rendition of 'Frosty the Snowman' with Mr Grigorian but it was the all new Boys Aloud group that brought the house down at the end of the first half. Superb singing and playing from all its members giving their all. They honestly gave the 70s group Slade a run for their money with their rendition of 'Merry Christmas Everybody!' Well done



and thanks to all those boys and to Mr Jeffery.

The now 60-strong Concert Band opened the second half with a superb *The Incredibles* theme tune and arrangement of 'The Christmas Song'. Both the Flute Choir and the Clarinet Choir played beautifully too. The singing in the second half was so atmospheric. The Junior Choir raised us all up with their beautiful 'Days of Beauty' accompanied by strings. The Chamber Choir's version of the 'Lully, Lulla, Lullay' was particularly moving sung by candlelight. Both choirs sounded stunning under the leadership of Ms Lee-Foster.

As always, the Jazz Band ended the festivities with fantastic soloists in the form of Rima Makhoul and Finn Page. It is always so lovely to see all the singers from all three vocal groups pile back on the stage wearing every festive jumper, hat and bauble imaginable to sing with the Jazz Band and Strings!

Well done to all those students who took part and made the Music and Mince Pies concert such a success. Thanks to all the stage crew for their help behind the scenes and huge congratulations to all the staff in the Music Department!

Ms J Lee-Foster
Director of Music



DC WIND BANDS

Although the band programme this year was curtailed due to the Covid-19 outbreak, much progress was achieved leading up to the Music and Mince Pies concert in December 2019, and of course Mr Lane’s virtual performance videos during the period of online learning allowed all of our musicians to maintain a sense of belonging. The bands played on!

Beginner Band this year made exceptional progress and they wowed the audience in the Music and Mince Pies concert playing ‘Turbo Rock’ and, of course, ‘Jingle Bells’. The band then joined forces with Intermediate Band to give the members of Beginner Band a sense of how it feels to play in a more advanced ensemble. This

combined band of approximately 70 young musicians raised the roof with a medley of the Queen hits ‘We Will Rock You’ and ‘Another One Bites the Dust’. Beginner Band provided entertainment in the first of Mr Lane’s lockdown virtual performance videos with a spritely performance of ‘Latin Magic’.

This year saw the emergence of a new band, Training Band, under the baton of Miss Winters. Training Band serves as a stepping-stone for those students who had previously been in Beginner Band the year before, and also for any of the new Year 7 intake at DC who had already been learning their instruments in Junior School. Music and Mince Pies was Training Band’s first opportunity to perform and Miss Winters expertly guided them through ‘Let’s Rock’ and ‘Majestic March’. We always welcome the wider school community getting involved with music making at Dubai College and we are grateful that Mrs Jago helps the flute section of Training Band in their weekly rehearsals. Again, during lockdown, Training Band continued to play by contributing their online performance of ‘Jus’ Plain Blues’, well done to everybody involved!

The Intermediate Band also made great progress throughout Term 1



culminating in their performance in the Music and Mince Pies concert of the haunting 'Winds of the Orient' and everybody's favourite, 'The Bare Necessities'. Intermediate Band also took part in the virtual performance videos by recording 'The Circle of Life' from *The Lion King*.

This year has seen the largest number of musicians in Concert Band with a staggering 60 students taking part. It really is a tour de force and the energy created in Music and Mince Pies was electric as the band played music from *The Incredibles* and 'The Christmas Song' (more commonly known by its opening line 'Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire'). Grateful thanks go to Miss Dibble who is always there to support the percussion section in the weekly Concert Band rehearsals. Once more, the recent lockdown did not prevent Concert Band from performing, many of you will have seen Mr Lane donning his

Hawaiian shirt and shades as he directed the band in the energetic arrangement of 'Sway (Qien Sera)'.

Mr Lane would like to extend his gratitude to all members of the Dubai College Wind Bands and to all the staff members who offer their help and support. Mr Lane has also directed both the Junior and Senior Brass Ensembles throughout Term 1 and the beginning of Term 2. We are all very much looking forward to the time when we can make live music together again.

Playing in school music ensembles offers many benefits to students, it fosters the ability to work and collaborate with others, to offer and receive constructive feedback, it improves listening skills and, most crucially, builds important social skills. Working with others in this way towards a common goal or purpose is an ability which students can take into adulthood that will help them succeed in whatever they do.

Mr A Lane
Head of Brass and Wind



HOUSE MUSIC 2019

The first few weeks of term saw the already vibrant and busy music department squeeze in yet another layer of creative music making as students took part in the heats for the annual House music competition. With Junior, Intermediate and Senior places up for grabs in the semi-finals the competition was fierce and of an extremely high standard. Judging was near impossible at times for Ms Lee-Foster, Mr Crawford and Mr Bowler

but somehow they managed to select students for the next round.

The semi-finals were equally competitive but after much debate the finalists were eventually selected for the culmination of the competition on 9th October. With prizes available in each category the Junior Prize was competed for by: Mischa (Year 9) Eun (Year 9), Lavinia (Year 9), Yuchen (Year 9), Sophie (Year 7) and Raghav (Year 7). The Intermediate by: Chiara (Year 11), Ansh (Year 11), Gracie (Year 11), Xioalin (Year 10), Advay (Year 10), Eman (Year 10) and Mariam (Year 11). The Senior lineup was: Tom (Year 13), Casey (Year 13), Aryaman (Year 12), Charlotte (Year 13) and Sourav (Year 12).

After a wonderful evening of music the judges had a serious decision to make



and no one present was envious of their task! Rob Hall (Director of Music at BSAK), Magdalena Wajdzik (Pianist) and Paul Griffiths (CEO Dubai Airport and International Organist) managed to reach a decision that was warmly welcomed by all in the audience, awarding prizes to:

Junior Winner: Lavinia (Year 9) Chichester Piano

Intermediate Winner: Chiara (Year 11) Barbarossa Flute

Senior Winner: Aryaman (Year 12) Cousteau Piano

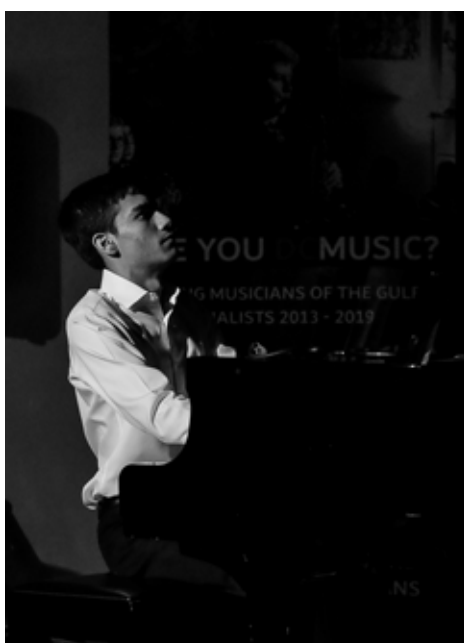
Overall Winner: Tom (Year 13) Barbarossa Saxophone

After ensemble performances by Tricia, Raphaelle and Charmaine (Barbarossa) performing a movement of Bach's *Double Concerto* and Cousteau's Chawla brothers Aryaman and Advay's superb piano duet by Schubert, Ms Dibble and the Band from Barbarossa took to the stage to perform *The Incredibles* featuring a guest appearance on Timpani by Mr McGrory! Needless to say, they were victorious as ensemble winners!

In his summing up of the evening, Paul Griffiths commented on the huge talent and quality of music making at DC going on to say that with so many 'stand out' performances the future of music was in very safe hands and the evening had been both a pleasure and privilege to be involved with.

All students taking part earned valuable house points at each stage of the competition – congratulations to Barbarossa for being so dominant in the final – and we look forward to more high level competitive music making next year!

Mr S Bowler
Head of Year 11





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6. Chiara Federico **Recyclable recycling bins with carbon filter and sustainable carrier bag** 7. Harry Withers **DIY drilling dust & debris collection shield** 8. Jahanara Siddiqui **Flat pack portable bookstand** 9. Joey Karlsson **Protective phone corner cover** 10. Athanasios Trigkonis **Ergonomic work-surface (secured by the cushion you sit on)**



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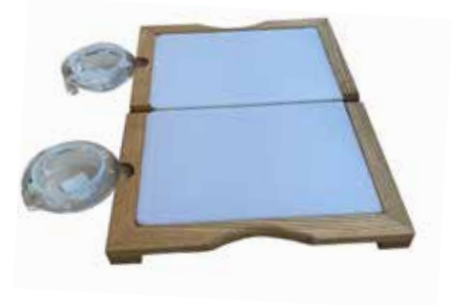
11. Jamie Annand Modular vertical planting for modern apartment living 12. Lauren Agent Portable caddy/table for the elderly user 13. Mark Bezzina Chair assist; sit down or get off your seat more easily with this frame support 14. Mia James Ergonomic and adjustable 'device' support



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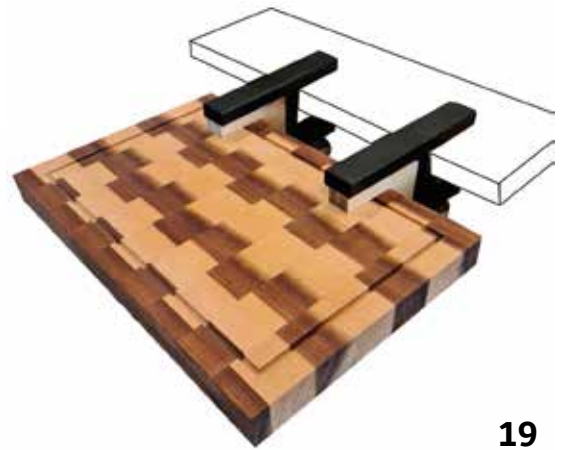
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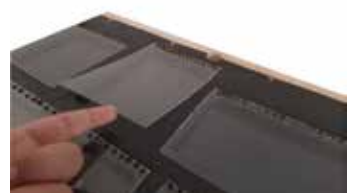
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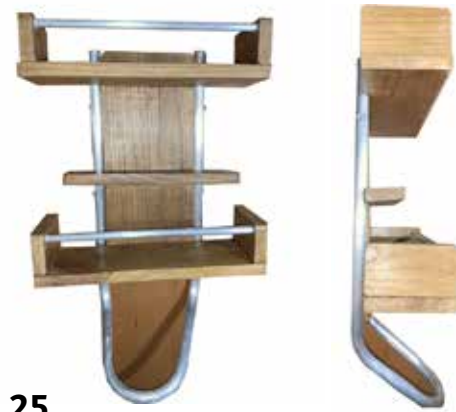


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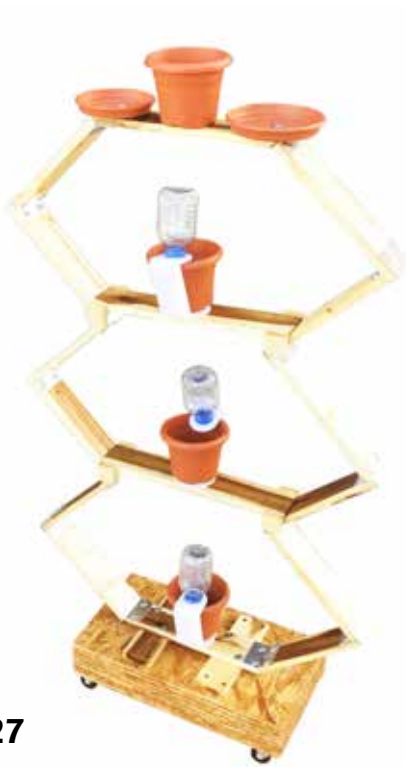
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25. Sufian Al Alami Shower caddy with safety grab rail 26. Patrick Debattista Non-Permanently wall mounted toilet roll holder 27. Pritvik Sinhadc Plant survival unit for whilst on extended vacations 28. Zakaria Doleh Hygienic lap-top work-surface for first aid at home 29. Maansi Kotecha Medicine Container 30. Raees Raie Safe slicer to hold food and protect the user's fingers when cutting



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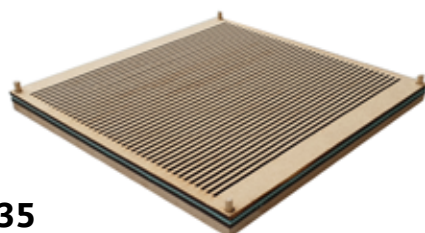
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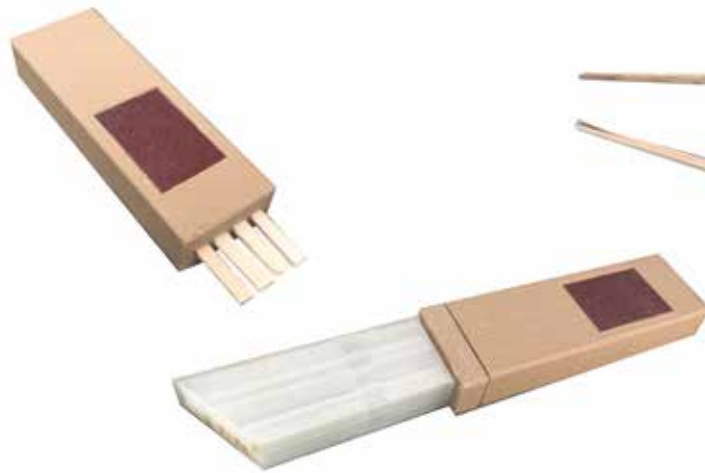


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36. Zia Mussa Child-proof knife storage & chopping accessory 37. Simran Barve 'On the go' sustainable and biodegradable cutlery
38. Jafar Jafar Arm-rest book support to avoid repetitive stress syndrome 39. Thomas Hadden Bath seat for the elderly
40. Euan Fernandes Under desk foot hammock



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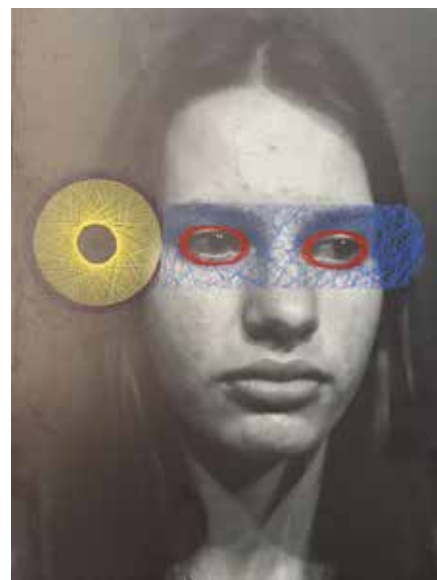
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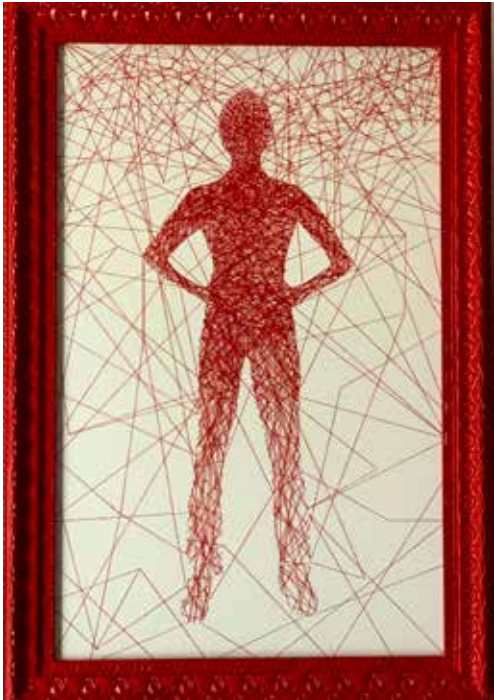
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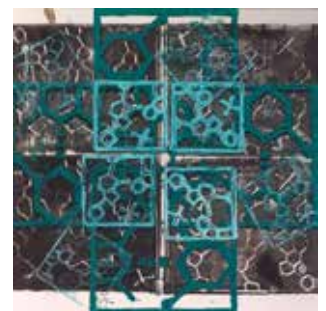


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Kitsch and discordant, *The Little Shop of Horrors* is a garish black comedy that seduces its audiences with its downbeat charm as we join the down and outs, the misfits and rejects, that trawl Skid Row, an incongruous place for a flower shop whose plants are as withered and malnourished as the apologetic florists who tend them. We experience the bittersweet success of a poor orphan named Seymour who pines for, wins – and loses – his co-worker Audrey: sadly Seymour's clumsy and untrained green fingers are more successful at being nibbled by a carnivorous plant (Audrey 2) than nurturing the botanical and human relationships he encounters.

Eddie Zickerman's portrayal of Seymour's naïve charm was a joy to watch as he brilliantly conveyed a blundering bashfulness that was coy yet disarmingly calculated. Audrey's poor choice in partners and innocent optimism broke our hearts as we watched Lara Begley's sensitive and honest portrayal of the brash, blonde heroine who endured abuse and heartache whilst longing simply for 'somewhere that's green', a far cry from the dingy prospects of Skid Row and her relationship with a demon dentist with dark perverted desires and dastardly designs on her. Jake Mustard's masterful portrayal of the drill-wielding fiend was an unnervingly convincing highlight of the show, complemented by the amazing Audrey 2 which not only grew in size before our eyes, but in appetite and attitude too! Finn Page's sultry and persuasive tones soothed and manipulated us all and we almost enjoyed its consumption of those who stood in Seymour's way. Even his adoptive father, Mushnik, a desperate exploiter with an eye for the till and feigned affection for his employees, was not spared from



LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS



Audrey 2's menu and Arman Thariani adeptly conveyed his cold heart and opportunism. Watching these hopeless lives were the powerful soul sirens of Ronette (Casey Bell), Crystal (Grace Williams) and Chiffon (Katie Watson), three weird sisters who encouraged and invited action with cheeky seduction and sass, drawing together the threads that tangled the Skid Row inhabitants in their hopeless lives. Powerfully supported by a large and talented cast who portray the dejected misery of a chorus, a band of misfits and opportunists, the ensemble framed and conveyed the atmosphere of almost comic despair.

No review could overlook the eye-catching and striking urban desolation of the set with its rotating shop, shadowy skylines and 6ft giant plant; the audience was not disappointed! The gradual inclusion of greenery and flowers conveyed the plant's colonisation of Skid Row, tantalisingly offering Audrey her greenery, only for her dream to be crushed in the jaws of an oversized plant. It is a testament to the talent of the Dubai College students, and the unfailing energy and enthusiasm of our staff, that so many people from our community came to

support all the hard work that goes into such a production. As our new Director of Drama, Mrs Stillwell's and Ms Madison's production was a hit and they, along with Mrs Mace, Ms Lee-Foster, the band, backstage, design, creative and AV crews, deserve a further round of applause.

Remember, DON'T FEED THE PLANTS!

Mrs S Lambert



SPORTS DAY

Our annual school Sports Day took place on Monday 10th February. Year 7 and 8 students had twice as many races to compete in this year, meaning that all 320 of them managed to compete in some way. We also added a Sports Quiz for the Year 9's this year ensuring that every student contributed to their House. This seemed to be a popular option, and we will add in a Year 10 quiz next year.

For the next 3 hours over 600 students ran, jumped, threw for their House, helped with the timing and measuring of events, raised money at the Charity stalls or helped organise and lead or support their teams. It was a massive team event, which, finally culminated in a clear victory for Cousteau, followed by last year's champions, Barbarossa, then Chichester and Heyerdahl houses.

None of this would have been possible without the outstanding efforts of the PE department, who managed to put together more events than ever before. Thanks also to all of the teachers and students who helped with the smooth running of the day, and to the Heads of Houses and their House Captains who selected, organised and inspired their teams.

Also, as ever, we are deeply grateful to the caretakers who set up all of the equipment at the start of the day and put it all away at the end.

Mr R Dennis
Director of Extra Curricular Activities





HOUSE REPORT

The House Competition had featured more than 70 different events this year. From Football, to 'Bath Bombs', and from Public speaking to 'Selling your country', via Cooking and Sudoku, this year certainly was one of variety, with a renewed focus on creativity, participation and team challenges. Even during the lockdown, it has been quite amazing to see just how many students opted to get involved in the online Fitness, Creativity, Coordination and Communication challenges that the Heads of Houses created. With increased events in the lower school, and additional races in Sports Day, it's safe to say that more students took part in House events than ever before.

In terms of the overall competition, last year's Champions, Cousteau started strongly, but by the end of Term 1 were trailing in 3rd place behind Barbarossa and Chichester, both of whom were under new management.

Barbarossa and Chichester then pulled away to build a substantial gap, leaving Heyerdahl in 4th place. By the end of February, following a strong team effort in Sports Day and the Rugby competition, Barbarossa was starting to pull out in front, and at this moment in time, it does indeed look like Barbarossa have an unassailable lead and have emerged victorious!

At the end of a very challenging House programme, I would like to say a big "Thank You" to the Heads of House: Ms Dibble (Barbarossa), Mr Ashby (Heyerdahl), Mr Thomas (Chichester) and Mr Jackson (Cousteau) for their leadership, planning skills and inventiveness in putting together a varied, inclusive and challenging House Programme. On their behalf, I would also like to sincerely thank our hard-working House Captains, for all the sterling work that they have devoted to recruiting and leading their teams this year.

BARBAROSSA: Zara Edwards & Ned Farrell

CHICHESTER: Georgia Allen & Jake Hewer

COUSTEAU: Ebba Zickerman & Rayan Malik

HEYERDAHL: Tia Patel & Sourav Roy

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What an incredible year the Barbarossa team have had! It is my first year at the helm I have been blown away by the supportive and resilient nature of all Barbarossa students; truly incredible. One of the key goals this year was to forge a stronger house identity. The first thing was to decide on some key virtues shown by all Barbarossa students and after a successful vote from all members of Barbarossa the following virtues can be expected of our students:

CONSTANTIA – the ability to show mental and physical wellbeing in hardship. Chloe (7SOR) proved this when she swam across the English Channel in her garden swimming pool to raise money for healthcare workers!

DIGNITAS – a sense of self-worth, personal self-respect and self-esteem. The Barbarossa students have demonstrated this wonderfully through their commitments to the merits this year. Only by their sense of self-worth have they battled through to remain victorious in the merit points.

Our final virtue is **VIRTUTE** – valour, excellence, courage, character and worth. Barbarossa students for the first time came together to collaborate between all year groups and staff to form the Barbarossa Band! And in keeping with our house theme, we put together the ensemble to play *The Incredibles* theme tune.

There are too many wonderful events and examples of Barbarossa students going above and beyond this year to mention them all. But they make me feel incredibly proud, each and every one of them. I'm sure they will keep up the good work next year to build Barbarossa into an ever-stronger house. But it leaves me to say one final thank you. That is to my House Captains and Vice-Captains. Without them, this year I would have needed to show more than my fair share of constantia. Thankfully through their incredible leadership, hard work and commitment to the house we have seen a year filled with success. I honestly could not have done it without them and while we look forward to the new house team, I will miss these guys' constant input and reality checks! Thank you and well done. You're INCREDIBLE!

Ms R Dibble
Head of Barbarossa





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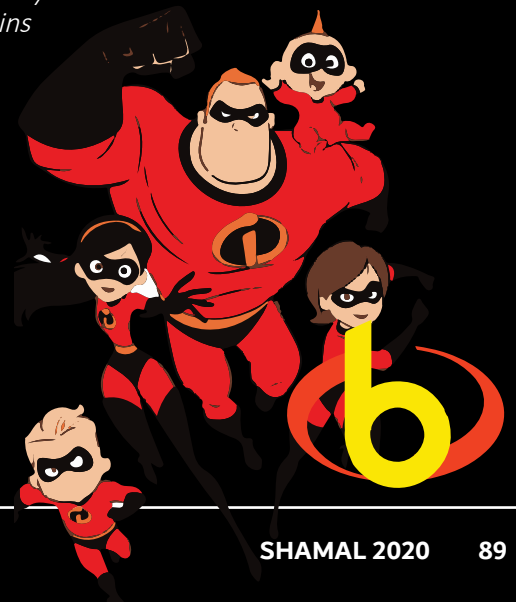


Sport this year in the Barbarossa house has been outstanding, with our students showing grit and determination in order to gain the house points required to take us to the next level. Sports day displayed a perfect example of the values we strive to achieve in this house, with everybody coming together, from Year 7 to 13, and working in unison to perform well. Despite injuries and absences, there was always another motivated and willing member of the house, who bravely stood up and put themselves forward, giving us the best possible chance to take home the points.

We would like to thank our incredible team of year group leaders: Chloe Andrews, Aritro Chatterjee, Wiktoria Blazik, Abhir Kewalramani, Ayesha Khan, Eun Soo Park, Zaara Zakir, Pranav Sangwan, Shaurya Rishi, Maxine McKellar, Ayaana Javeri and Aman Burman. The success we have garnered would have never been possible without your commitment and high levels of organisation which was evident in everyone. Your support and enthusiasm have helped set the tone for the house, and we hope these fantastic role models inspire next year's set of leaders to be equally as helpful and strong. We also wish the incoming House Captains the best of luck and hope that they are able to preserve Barbarossa's strong position and keep the winning spirit high! Lastly, a massive thank you goes to Ms Dibble, who has tirelessly immersed herself into every Barbarossa event. It is with her unwavering support, dedication and motivation that Barbarossa is able to thrive and we have seen such success this year in the House Competition.

On a final note, thank you to everyone who has participated house events this year. Your continual support and enthusiasm does not go unnoticed, and we hope this high level of participation and excitement is carried through to next year. It has been an honour to represent Barbarossa this year, and we look forward to watching the house continue to grow and maintain our/the winning (and rightful) position!

*Ned, Zara & Mayansh
House Captains*



CHICHESTER

“Do you know what my favourite part of the game is?”

The opportunity to play.”

Mike Singletary (NFL player and coach)

We started the year with a motivational video from Ben Lionel Scott which highlighted the need for self-motivation but more importantly how success can be achieved as a group. He reminded us of that old saying, “winning is not everything, it’s the taking part that counts.”

Our ethos and mantra is that teamwork and commitment should be what drives us, along with the resultant benefits of skills and camaraderie that it brings. This has underpinned our achievements throughout the year and has been exemplified by our House Captains for this year, Georgia, Olivia, Jake and Oliver who have all been outstanding. They have helped me so much in my first year as Head of House and as a leadership team they have shown exceptional maturity.

Over the year we have seen the introduction of new house challenges and events and I would like to thank all those who have contributed and been part of the team. Whether we win, lose or draw, it is the spirit of taking part, and the knowing that you have done your best, not only for you but to help support your friends and your house, that matters most. From Senior Basketball and Netball to Junior Quizzes and Football it has been a privilege to see the friendship and competitiveness shine through.

Thank you Chichester.

*Mr N Thomas
Head of Chichester*

‘INDIVIDUAL COMMITMENT TO A GROUP EFFORT - THAT IS WHAT MAKES A TEAM WORK, A COMPANY WORK, A SOCIETY WORK, A CIVILIZATION WORK.

Vince Lombardi



INTRODUCTION:

Another crazy year of the house programme has flown by bringing many highs and lows to Chichester. With our new Head of House, Mr Thomas, keen to bring new motivation and wisdom to Chichester, we set off playing catch-up from last year's standings, in pursuit of 1st place. However, this year, we did not just focus on winning but also on following and learning more about the values of Chichester House: participation, determination, positive attitude and having fun! With all this in mind, this academic year, although short, brought many victories to Chichester from Senior Netball to the Year 7 Suduko team – we could not have been as successful if it were not for every single member of the house working hard and being proud to wear the green top!



CHICHESTER

SPORTS DAY:

The highlight of the Dubai College sporting calendar is always Sports Day and this year proved to be no exception. Despite not winning first place, Chichester's indomitable attitude resulted in many victories both on the track and field where new personal bests and school records were earned. On an overcast day in February, Chichester's finest athletes turned up in droves to sprint, jog, jump and throw their best in an effort to win points for their house. Sports day provides the opportunity to showcase the enormous talent and hard work of all our athletes and students from Years 7-13 proudly donned their green shirts to represent their house. Each year the standard seems to get higher and higher and Chichester's athletes certainly rose to the occasion. Chichester House is characterised by dedication and persistence and these qualities were on display all day. Whether it was running the gruelling 1500-metre race, or simply cheering friends on from the stands, a tremendous effort was made by everyone who participated. The atmosphere out on the field was electric and every event was filled with green shirts and smiling faces. Huge congratulations go to Salaar Ferozie, Tarn Timmermans and Olivia Allen for smashing previous records in their respected events and setting the bar even higher for next year. Other notable successes of the day were the Year 9 boys who dominated on the track and the Senior Girls for winning their field events. Sports Day would not be the success that it is without the tireless work of many members of staff so thank you to Mr Dennis and Mr Thomas for everything you do; I think we have next year's Sports Day in the bag!



LOWER SCHOOL HOUSE WEEK:

Years 7, 8 and 9 all participated in house weeks this year where they worked together to complete a whole range of events from football to scrabble, including a few new events such as stop motion animation and designing and selling a bath bomb. Chichester spirit was on full display across all the events which was particularly highlighted in our success in the team building. Overall, we performed well as a house with consistent results throughout the three year groups. Special mentions go to the Year 9 Stop-motion team who won this new event, displaying fantastic animation skills as well as our Year 7 Suduko team who displayed incredible maths skills over three days of team and individual competitions. A big thank you to everyone who took part, be it on the pitch or in the classroom and we are looking forward to improving on our results next year when the new SPACE is ready for use!

The 2019/20 academic year was an undoubted success amongst the senior Chichester members with impeccable participation and achievement across all activities. Pole position finishes in the girls' House Netball and Basketball as well as a well-fought second place in House Football saw the green team rocket up the leader board in term one. During this term, we also appreciated the importance of participation following a valiant effort in the boys' House Basketball which was somewhat fitting for the Last Dance on Netflix. The recent loss of the Sports Hall and swimming pool made it difficult to run some of the regular events held, however, that didn't faze the Chichester army as we saw some outstanding performances in events such as House Music. This event cannot go without a special mention to Reva Poddar who reached the final playing the flute. Overall, despite the unfortunate circumstances that fell upon the house programme this year, it is fair to say that amongst the Sixth Form it was an unqualified triumph for all and a special well done to all the Year 13s for participating in their final year.



ENDING:

It is safe to say that we have had the best year being House Captains and Deputy House Captains of Chichester. From the Lower School, all the way to Sixth Form everyone has given it their all this year and it really has paid off. The future of Chichester looks brighter than ever and next year the only way is up! A special thank you to each of the Chichester heads of year for their hard work in organising and motivating their year group teams, and of course to Mr Thomas for all his efforts in making Chichester the best it can be. Good Luck to you all next year and we can't wait to see our successors continue to lead Chichester to the top!

*Georgia, Olivia, Jake & Oliver
House Captains*



CouSteau



As Jacques Yves Cousteau once said, "When one man, for whatever reason, has the opportunity to lead an extraordinary life, he has no right to keep it to himself." This quote encompasses one of Cousteau's core values - teamwork. As a team, we believe that success must be achieved through the combined forces of collaboration, communication and determination. As members of Cousteau house, we all possess inimitable characteristics from our ambition, drive and resilience that combine to make us the thriving community known as Cousteau.

No words or phrases quite embody the Cousteau community like the word courage. A lot of the time success is seemingly unachievable, due to the fear of failing. Courage permits one to face extreme difficulties despite fear, and

along with that take necessary losses. With this in mind, we do not pressure students to compete for victory (although this is still our aim), the point of competing is merely to represent our house to the best of one's ability. From the newly arrived Year 7s, who are too scared to sign up for public speaking, due to the daunting thought of an unfamiliar audience, to the Sixth Form who "can't be asked" to participate in Sports Day; we as a team, strive beyond these fears and apprehension towards failure, and instead face this through participating with the sole aim to do our best.

The responsibility of each individual member of the house is to ensure that they participate and compete in as many events as possible, with their best effort.

"Coming together is the beginning. Keeping it together is progress. Working together is success" (Henry Ford).

As the House Captains, we believe that you don't have to be an athlete to compete at Sports Day, a musician to represent the house in House Music or a genius to enter the House Quiz. All you need is courage and commitment; participation already displays your commendable sportsmanship and personal success in overcoming your fears to lead our house to any form of victory. Whether it be winning a given house challenge, game, or being rewarded a merit for your effort; you have made all the difference towards this year's house standings, and for that we thank you.



STITCH

As the new academic year began, Cousteau set new goals, which we intended to embody: drive, passion, pride, resilience and teamwork. These goals were set in order to facilitate a dynamic Cousteau house and build on our core value of 'participating with the maximum effort' which encourages personal responsibility. With the evident aim to win this year's trophy, as well as achieving the esteemed title of being the winning house, we only saw it fit to change the mascot to mimic this ever-changing mindset. Our new mascot is Stitch, from the well-known movie *Lilo & Stitch*. In the movie stitch represents newfound friendship, which reflects Cousteau's welcoming and inclusive culture. As the phrase goes "Ohana means family, and family means no one gets left behind or forgotten."





ACHIEVEMENTS

This school year, Cousteau achieved a plethora of victories both on and off the sports field. Every single student in the Lower School participated in each house week, which saw Cousteau bring home several victories, including the Year 8 House Quiz. Whilst the Senior Boys and Girls fell short in the fiercely contested Basketball Competition in November, they turned up to dominate the pinnacle of the House Competition - Sports Day. However, the success did not stop there. A few weeks later Cousteau managed to win the House Music Competition, with an extraordinary performance from Aryaman Chawla, which left all the judges in awe. Inspired by his incredible performance, the Year 8s replicated his skill in their music competition for their House Week where they finished 2nd overall.

Overall, we achieved tremendous success in every event we took part in. On behalf of the Cousteau Leadership Team, we would truly like to thank you for putting in your maximum effort at every event and volunteering for the benefit of the house.

Thank you to all the heads of year for putting in so much hard work and dedication to ensure that the House Competition ran as smoothly as possible. A special mention goes to Rosie Stringer, Nina May, Aleeza Ahmed, Farasha Alimohamed and Lorcan Fallon for their incredible help this year.

LOOKING FORWARD

As we neared the end of the school year, the house spirit was stronger than ever. Even with Covid-19 closing the school doors, house competitions were still running online with the Cousteau community fighting for every point. These unforeseen circumstances showed the purpose the house competition plays within DC: we are part of a greater community (even during times of self-isolation)!

Moreover, the wide variety of events offered everyone a fair opportunity to express their unique talents and would not have been possible without the hard work of Mr Dennis and the men in blue who played integral roles in ensuring the House Competition ran smoothly throughout the year. Finally, we would like to sign off with a short yet empowering quote from, Cousteau's very own living legend, Miss Foulkes: Bleed Blue.

A NOTE FROM OUR HEAD OF HOUSE

As the curtain comes down on another house programme and school year, it would be remiss not to mention the changes to school and life that have occurred following the Covid-19 pandemic. We send our thoughts and prayers out to those affected and have had their worlds turned upside down through loss and illness.

At times like these some positives inevitably do, and will continue to, shine through and, once again, it has been fantastic to see Cousteau led by such able and committed students in Ebba, Natasha, Rayan and Laith. I am pleased to see the progress made by those that have taken leadership positions previously and how well it has prepared them to take over as Captains and Vice Captains. They have worked tirelessly along with the year group leaders to ensure once again that the participation in all competitions has been excellent, with the icing on the cake being Sports Day and the Music victories. I hope that the individual year group leaders have, and may continue to, thrive in their roles in the coming years and can certainly look to their Heads of Houses for inspiration that the path has been trodden.

A huge thank you to the entire house of staff and students for their efforts this year. In what was a shortened academic 'in school' year the creation of online competitions pleasingly allowed the house spirit to continue to burn brightly. We hope we return safe and well and begin the competition again with the next crop of talented students and leaders.

Mr D Jackson
Head of Cousteau



HEYERDAHL

At the start of our journey as House Captains we delivered our first assembly, in which we looked to Thor Heyerdahl for inspiration – using two of his quotations to demonstrate what values we ought to uphold. Motivational figures often provide us with valuable lessons on how to lead our lives. Another one of these figures is none other than our mascot: Winnie the Pooh.

Heyerdahl's this year have constantly endeavoured for excellence. Pooh once remarked that, 'You can't stay in your corner of the forest waiting for others to come to you. You have to go them sometimes' and this certainly resembles Heyerdahl's achievements. To mention a few, Heyerdahl set records in 800m and 1500m for Year 8 boys, High Jump for Year 9 boys, along with High Jump for Year 10 girls. Heyerdahl also claimed the title in many quizzes: Senior and Years 7/8, as well as winning the Year 7/8 Photography Competition.

Yet, we are defined by more than merely our successes. Winnie the Pooh once remarked that 'Today is my favourite day' and these sentiments of optimism are ones that have been echoed by Heyerdahl's. It is heartening as House Captains to be surrounded by students who are always positive regardless of defeat. From younger students with inspiring cheers

and posters, to older ones exhibiting their skill and talent, Heyerdahl's are always ready for any challenge.

'Even though [Pooh] had a very small heart, it could hold a rather large amount of gratitude.' As House Captains, we would like to show some gratitude. Thank you to the Heyerdahl students who always give us 100%. We are so grateful for your continued dedication. We also would like to thank the other houses for their continued good-spirited participation and competition against us. Another huge thank you must go out to Mr Dennis, who manages to single-handedly run the entire House Competition flawlessly year after year. The boys and girls in blue also deserve massive thanks: all of the set up that we sometimes take for granted is thanks to them. Finally, a huge thank you to Mr Ashby, who is the heart and soul of our house. He motivates us to become the best representatives of Heyerdahl that we can be!

While in the end we may not have come out as successful as we planned, we can take some final inspiration from Pooh, who observes that 'Rivers know this: There is no hurry. We shall get there some day.' This year may have left us in fourth place, but this is far from the end. As a house, we are composed of some of the most talented and driven individuals in the

whole school. Whether it be sports, music or even photography, Heyerdahl certainly has the materials to build success for itself, and we are almost there. The glory of Heyerdahl is not a legend from the distant past; it is something we still have, and that is right at our fingertips whenever we need it. We wish the next House Captains and Vice Captains the best of luck in harnessing the multitudes of talents in Heyerdahl, and hope they have a successful year ahead.

*Sourav, Tia, John & Lara
House Captains*





This year's mascot is probably my favourite of the last ten years. He is wise, cuddly and never gets any older. No I'm not talking about Mr Jackson. It is of course the one and only Winnie the Pooh. But behind all great characters there must of course be a great writer; I'd like to share a few lesser known AA Milne facts with you, alongside a lesson we can learn from each of them.

Fact 1:

AA Milne was taught by *War of the Worlds* author, H.G. Wells

Lesson:

Never underestimate your teachers.

I consider myself extremely fortunate to work alongside some truly excellent colleagues. A heartfelt thank you to all who have supported the House Programme this year, from our invaluable caretaking staff, to the teachers who have volunteered to judge, oversee, or referee.

You have always the epitome of efficiency and professionalism. Talking of efficiency and professionalism, a massive thank you to Tia, Lara, Sourav and John for all your hard work this year. You have been an amazing team and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you all.

Fact 3:

AA Milne studied Mathematics at Cambridge, but pursued his passion as a writer.

Lesson:

Make sure you understand where your true talents and passions lie, and follow them. But never be afraid to try something new.

We are incredibly fortunate to enjoy a hugely varied House Programme. It allows you to nurture and demonstrate your skills, but it also affords you the opportunity to try new things. For those of you who haven't moved out of your comfort zone yet in terms of House competitions, maybe 2020/21 will be the year for you.

Fact 2:

AA Milne regularly played cricket with J.M. Barrie and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Lesson:

Surround yourself with people who influence you positively, bring out the best in you and build you up.

When he set up this amateur cricket team, JM Barrie understood the importance of three things: the fulfilling nature of team pursuits, the benefits of physical exercise and the true value of friendship and community. Heyerdahl's, too, understand the worth of these things, and I have been consistently impressed by our team spirit and unfailing support of one another, even in the face of adversity.

Fact 4:

Winnie the Pooh made his debut in Milne's poem, 'Teddy Bear' (he was still unnamed), which was published in *Punch Magazine* in 1924.

Lesson:

Success and victory do not happen overnight.

We are all on a journey. Milne had arguably created the most iconic children's character of all time, but he certainly did not know it when he first penned 'Teddy Bear'. Winnie-the-Pooh and his friends were the products of perseverance, determination, and plenty of practice. We may not be finishing on top of the leader board this year, but you are learning, honing your skills, and preparing for the next academic year. I hope that 2020/21 sees us back at school, reunited as a community and ready to embark on new and exciting challenges.

In the words of AA Milne, "When you see someone putting on his Big Boots, you can be pretty sure that an Adventure is going to happen."

So, Heyerdahl's, put your big boots on and I will see you in September (Inshallah).

Mr R Ashby, Head of Heyerdahl



HPQ AND EPQ: EXPLORING AND CREATING

(HPQ) Higher Project Qualification
(EPQ) Extended Project Qualification

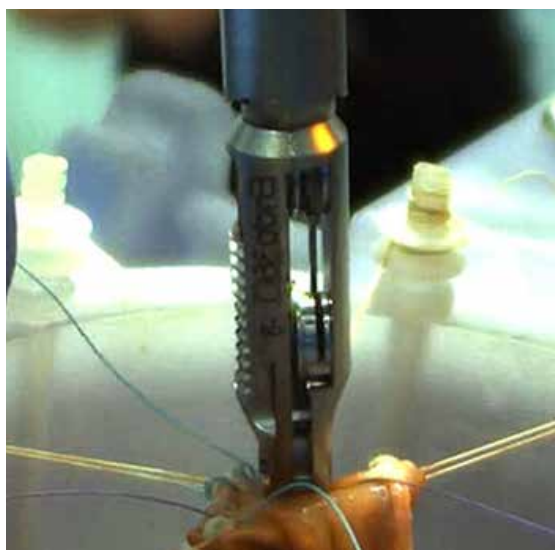
Dubai College students love nothing more than a challenge, especially one where they can explore a subject area or create something beyond the confines of the curriculum. Consequently the HPQ and EPQ programmes continue to grow exponentially along with the ever evolving scope of the projects, often highly original, thought provoking or timely and topical. I am sure that there will be projects emerging inspired by the current pandemic either this year or certainly next year.

Congratulations to all our students who submitted such a wonderfully eclectic array of projects back in December 2019 (HPQ) and January 2020 (EPQ). The HPQ students were an enthusiastic group who produced high calibre projects, many articulated beyond the GCSE standard covering topics such as driverless cars involving AI to the reliability of History textbooks to the emotional mindset required to win sailing competitions. The students select their own areas of study and fine tune their titles before embarking on extensive research. They participate in small seminar style teaching groups to then present on their findings before producing the final written thesis. This is taken a step further at the EPQ Level where the scope for research offers far more depth for exploration. Virtually all subject areas were covered with Science proving quite popular with projects asking 'How will the emerging role of Precision Medicine transform the management of Alzheimer's Disease?' to 'Are probiotics effective in the prevention of allergic diseases?' What is interesting about their choices is that these topics are often relevant to their peers who may have first-hand experience of people affected by such issues. Politics and Economics also inspire our students to question 'To what extent has the increasing presence of social media impacted the marketing strategies of luxury fashion brands such as Christian Dior and Louis Vuitton?' to 'To what extent is the export-led industrialisation the main reason for South Korea's rapid economic growth from the early 1960s to the 1980s?' Many students like to delve into issues in their country

of origin which encourages a deeper connection and understanding of their heritage.

The Investigation, Performance and Artefact projects are also gaining momentum as more students wish to engage practically and create items. Sustainability is a theme covered across all projects but none more visibly than a student who made a guitar made from a plastic water container and recycled wood. He played a piece of music and it worked a treat! Another student devised a monologue in Latin having taught herself how to actually write in the correct form and metre, then produced it for her Performance EPQ. It was quite astonishing, as was an Artefact produced by another student whose premise was: 'To design and create a symbolic outfit, telling a narrative of how the Chinese revolution changed the role of middle-class women in Chinese society'; her Year 8 audience were suitably stunned and impressed. Self-teaching a specific skill is becoming more and more popular amongst the students, whether it is making electrical items or like one student who spent last summer learning the guitar so he could perform a piece of music showcasing Jimi Hendrix's rhythm guitar style which he certainly achieved. DC seems to have many emerging writers, quite an achievement when you consider the students have enough writing to do already. Again we had another wonderful selection of books produced involving poetry and novellas.

Investigation projects enable students to learn how to produce questionnaires, interviews or conduct experiments following correct academic and research ethics and protocols, thus adding authentic research findings to the current academic body of research. Not content with



Lana Al Hajj To What Extent Can AI or Technology Replace Medical Professionals?



Viraj Ramakrishnan Build A Guitar Pedal-Oscilloscope

straight forward methods, two of our students decided to embark upon using behavioural labs. One student wanted to investigate 'To what extent are behavioural and decision processes affected after the interaction with a device?' and tested her peers over a series of days using controlled a social experiment in my classroom. The second student was lucky enough to gain access to a behavioural lab in JLT and 20 plus of our staff kindly gave up their time to be 'tested' to find out 'How far do emotions experienced while viewing advertising campaigns influence consumer buying behaviour?' It was an intriguing experience having your face mapped whilst looking at a series of dental advertisements, many with some alarmingly rotten teeth.

Students are always prepared to push the boundaries at DC. They come up with some project ideas which make you wonder if you have been living in a hole. Executed to such a high standard, it is easy to see why so many of our staff enjoy volunteering to work as mentors with our students. Returning alumni are strong advocates, reporting on the positive impact having

completed their project has had on their studies at university. Whether it is the critical thinking skill and Philosophy course we take them through or the skills of how to reference and research properly, paired with time management, both projects offer the students the opportunity to explore, create and pursue something which they are passionate about and can bring to life.

Ms H Bastable
HPQ & EPQ Coordinator

DUBAI MATHS SUPER LEAGUE

On February 25th, two teams of Year 9 students, went to Jumeriah College to participate in the prestigious Dubai Maths Super League, knowing that it would be a great experience.

The day started off with a short briefing, where we were introduced to the event and informed that the competition was split in to four rounds. This made many of us much less worried, as we had prepared for all the things mentioned in Mr James' class, from UKMT practice papers, to non-worded puzzles, to simply just mental maths.

Then it began, the students' faces switched, and it was time to give it our best. The first round was a Kahoot round, where both teams started off very well. Later on we made a few silly mistakes, but still managed to rank 2nd and 7th in that round.

The second round was a UKMT round, and this was something we had all been preparing for,

especially since the actual UKMT competition was just a few weeks before. Both teams worked very well together and divided the work, giving everyone something to do and then checking it afterwards, this was very effective and allowed us to finish and check while having plenty of time to spare.

The third round was a no words round, this was a round where all the questions had no words, so we had to analyse diagrams, or spot a pattern in order to solve these questions. This round was much shorter than the previous one, but both teams still managed to finish in time and check all their answers. Afterwards, just like the previous rounds, we all got together and compared answers, which caused a few debates, and disagreements.

The final round was one where you had to answer the first question to be able to answer the second one, since it used your answer to the first question, in the question. This made us much more cautious, since we knew that if we got a question wrong, we could potentially get all of them wrong. This round was also much harder and time limited than the first three and meant that we didn't get to finish all of the questions, and since we didn't know what all the other schools had done, it worried us a lot.

When all four rounds were finished, the day was still far from over, and it was time for the moment that made everyone's heart beat faster than ever and made the room go silent. The competition's organiser began with fifth place, and it wasn't us, so we worried even more, then he said, "In fourth place..." all eyes were directed at him, "Dubai College Green." Obviously, they celebrated, but now the people in DC Red were freaking out, 'what if we hadn't even made the top 5?' Then the principal continued to 3rd place and then 2nd place, and my heart was going to explode, since we hadn't been called. But then he said, "In first place, Dubai College Red," and everyone in our team jumped up and started celebrating, and then we got up to get our trophy, took our picture, thanked Jumeirah College for hosting the competition, and then got back on the bus, to head back to school.

Overall, it was a great experience that I will never forget, from meeting new people, to trying new puzzles, to just experiencing the sense of competition and sitting in a room where everyone has one goal. To win. I am very happy with the way we worked as a team, to use everyone's strengths and help each other, and I am very glad that it paid off in the end.

Hussein, Year 9



GIFTED AND TALENTED

GIFTED AND TALENTED COMPETITION

Dubai College welcomed students from all over Dubai to our Primary Gifted and Talented Competition on October 14th. Eighteen Primary schools competed over four events inspired by the Dubai College pillars: academic, creative, sporting and philanthropic.

Highlights of the day included performing a drama piece, a hotly contested multi sports event, mandala making and a scientific investigation. The winners were:

Creative: Dubai British School 2

Academic: Emirates International 1

Philanthropic: GEMS International 1

Sporting: Foremarke School

Overall: Jebel Ali Primary School 2

Well done to all the teams that competed.

Mrs C Penney
Head of Student Services & SENCO



CHARITIES OVERVIEW

Many of this year's events were amazing successes, from our almost weekly bake sales, to our larger events such as Music Charity Love. Receiving our license to raise funds for the Dubai College Foundation has allowed us to dedicate all of our efforts to the Jaisithok Nepal School. The completion of the construction, now a distant memory, has enabled us to now host 84 students in our school, all gaining an education that we, at Dubai College, made possible. This year, we had our first ever student trip to the Jaisithok school, which will now become a tradition for the years to come. We can only imagine how fulfilling the experience was for our group of Sixth Formers.

Music Charity Love was one of the most successful events this year. Although the heavens did tease us slightly with some ominous rain clouds and heavy raindrops, it was ultimately smooth sailing all evening. We had some of the best ever prizes, an amazing turnout and of course the vibrant DC community that made it the best MCL to date. In addition, we had a multitude of other events such as Pink Month along with our annual Pink Day where we saw the creative sides of our younger years embrace the colour pink to raise awareness for Breast Cancer. The year followed on with Valentine's Day rose sales, bake sales, Sports Day stalls which all proved to contribute to our Jaisithok School immensely!

The success of this year's Charity Committee endeavours would not have been possible without Miss Shah, Mrs Hall, Miss John, the men and women in blue and, of course, the Dubai College community!

*Disha, Mahira, Charmaine & Gaurav
Heads of Charity Committee*



HARMONY HOUSE VISIT

It is fair to say, with the exception of a few, that the Dubai College staff did not quite know what to expect on their first trip to India, let alone to Harmony House!

My advice for India was to embrace the chaos!

My advice for Harmony House was to soak up every ounce of happiness from the school.

So the nerves were high for the 11 members of staff and one school nurse travelling to Delhi over the National Day holiday. This new trip had the specific purpose of training teachers at Harmony

House: sharing best practice and resources to support areas such as differentiation, inclusion and curriculum planning. And the experience didn't disappoint.

The PE team – Miss Clohesy, Miss Innes and Mr Day – had the important task of delivering a new fitness curriculum, without the need for equipment, which would promote a healthy lifestyle for the students and staff at Harmony House. They designed a passport with stickers to collect for each exercise goal achieved, using healthy competition as a means to motivate.

Mr Almond and Mr James led the Mathematics training for all year groups, showing teachers how to use programmes and technology to solve maths problems and stretch the most able. Mrs Norris put this into practice working with much younger students on their numeracy skills.

Myself, Mrs Penney and Louise Pye from Raffles International School led a



session on EAL strategies, using simple online sources such as YouTube to teach poetry, English Language skills and basic differentiation. Each classroom at Harmony House has recently been fitted with screens, so it was an excellent opportunity to work with teachers to best use this technology.

Mrs Jacki Williams worked with Lillian Mackey from Dubai American Academy to produce beautiful print screens, using the nature around them as inspiration. All the teachers enjoyed getting messy and using the chance to get creative!

Finally, DC Nurse Nancy Porter delivered essential basic first aid training for 25 women from the local

community, teaching them how to dress wounds, use bandages and other medication. This training brought to light some of the common problems faced in the slums, such as burns and infections. When we visited the slums on our first morning we saw how the community live sometimes 6-7 in very small homes, so flu and viruses can spread easily, particularly during winter.

I would like to thank each and every person in our Dubai College community who either brought in clothing, toys, teaching aids and/or letters. We made history with this teacher trip. Good quality teaching and resources are the norm for our students at Dubai College. Therefore, it was so valuable to share this CPD expertise with staff at Harmony House to provide for the 500+ students they have there. Moving forward, we want to continue this exchange of skills and talents and cannot wait until the next time we visit.

Miss R Shah
Charities Coordinator



CHARITIES



DUBAI COLLEGE SCHOOL IN JAISITHOK

In February, a group of eight Sixth Form students travelled to Nepal for seven days in which we worked with the Children of the Mountain school as well as the Dubai College School in Jaisithok.

The Children of the Mountain organisation has thirteen schools built, and is set on supporting communities that were most impacted from the earthquakes in 2015. At the school, we were greeted with a row of smiling children who gave each of us a flower accompanied by a tender hug. After learning about the vision and mission of the school from the headmaster, we were given the opportunity to conduct educational and

team-building activities with the children. With the younger class, we went inside and drew animals corresponding to each letter of the alphabet. As the youngest children were still in the process of learning English alongside Nepali, this was useful as with every drawing they did, we had them sound out the words in both languages. This also provided an educational opportunity for DC students to further immerse themselves into the Nepali culture and language. We connected with the older students in a more active way and engaged them in aspects such as teamwork and collaboration by using the environment and outdoors.

After the long trip to the remote area of Jaisithok, Nepal, we volunteered and learned from the students in the Dubai College School. We received a beautiful flower-filled welcome followed by an assembly which gave us the opportunity to introduce ourselves to the children and to learn more about them individually. We then reconvened in smaller groups for the next activities (Grades 1-2 and Grades 3-5). Working with the students was initially quite difficult due to the language barrier; however, this allowed us to form connections with the children that existed beyond words and language in order to explain tasks ranging from painting rocks and charades



to maths games and flash cards. The purpose of our visit was to introduce different educational activities and facilitate different experiences that would allow for the growth of the students and teachers. Therefore, the majority of the supplies we packed were chosen in line with this intention and ethos, and we were given the opportunity to explain the best scenarios to use the supplies with the teaching staff. We found this to be very important as when we left, we wanted to make sure that the supplies were used in the best way possible. My favourite interaction when we gathered in a circle with the children and all danced and sang with them. It was such a rewarding experience as they taught us Nepali songs and dances and we taught them English ones, marking the fusion of our cultures.

The final day was the most emotional as we were

upset to leave the children due to the unbreakable bonds and connections we had built over the past week. We were so grateful that the nearby community and school gathered to perform a beautiful ceremony for us which included singing, dancing, and touching speeches. Extended members of the community addressed the impact that the existence of the school had on them; they pledged to maintain the education of every child in Jaisithok, and explained how the school symbolised so much more than brick and cement. Towards the end of our trip, the Mayor of Jaisithok visited us to personally thank us for volunteering our time and investing so much into the school.

The memories made during that week are ones that we will forever cherish and never forget. It was beautiful to see first-hand the impact that the Charity Committee has on the entire community and we look forward to returning to the school sometime in the future. On behalf of the students, we would like to thank the teachers that played a vital role on the trip, including Miss Shah, Miss John, Miss Tragett, Mr Roberts, and Mr Dennis.

Miss R Shah
Charities Coordinator

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PAST V PRESENT

So, how were we going to run our Past v Present sports afternoon with no Sports Hall and no swimming pool?!

Thankfully, the January weather is usually kind to us, so everything would just have to take place on the field! While caretaker Mani belted out his tunes, a mixed rounders competition replace our usual waterpolo and basketball fixtures.

After some very competitive football, netball and rugby matches between the current Year 13 and our most recent leavers, the sporting prowess plunged with the appearance of the staff teams, all lacking skill, fitness and killer instinct to face the alumni teams.

Following hours of exertion and physical pain, the end of day barbecue couldn't come quick enough for some and brought everyone together for a fun and social end to the sporting day.

The celebrations and commiserations continued into the evening with the traditional social evening at OFFSIDE (were they trying to tell us something?) where sporting tales of years gone by were retold and significantly over embellished!





DC ALUMNI LONDON REUNION

This was a special year for the annual London reunion as we had invited retired caretaker of 36 years, Conceicao Sousa, to be our guest of honour. After two attempts at trying to obtain a UK visa for him, we finally succeeded and the look on his face on receiving the news said it all! On his first morning we had arranged for him to meet with former bursar, Tony Foulger, who had employed him 36 years previously – the meeting was quite emotional for both parties, having not seen each other in the flesh for 25 years.

It was Conceicao's first visit to London, so as well as attending the reunion, our Headmaster, Mike Lambert, took him on a grand tour which included

St Paul's Cathedral, Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Nelson's Column and the National Gallery to see Saint John the Baptist.

The venue of the reunion this year was the Brass Monkey near Victoria. From starting at 2pm right through to finishing around 7pm, the room was packed full of alumni and staff from all four decades of Dubai College, sharing stories and memories of years gone by! It was the first time that the Headmaster had been able to attend the reunion and for 5 hours he was enthralled in conversation with dozens of young and old members of our community, some whom he'd never previously met, all sharing that special bond of being part of DC.

The reunion is always held on the last Saturday of November and we look forward to seeing even more of our former students and staff next year!

Mrs D Turpie
Alumni Relations, Communications & Marketing





Y11 CAREERS EVENING

The Year 11 Careers Evening took place on January 21st and included a plethora of careers for Year 11 students to partake in. From Digital Marketing to Medicine, the evening was run by Dubai College alumni, parents and teachers. We had the opportunity to experience three different careers and between us we chose Medicine, Journalism, Entrepreneurship, Education and Law. The evening began with an introduction by DC alumnus Peter Zickerman who gave an engaging talk about what is to come in the next few years of our lives.

The two sessions which particularly sparked our interests were Medicine and Law which we will recount in further detail.

With the intention of going into Medicine, the session with Dr Sarah Gilbert was incredibly interesting and allowed us, as students, to grasp the variety of qualifications within the medical field, as well as understand the positives and

negatives of this career choice. This session further increased my interest in a career in Medicine and allowed me to assess the critical decisions I would be making in the following months.

The legal field can be quite complicated and before the session with Mr Daniel Smith I was very unsure about what the career included. During the session he described how his experience was full of difficulties and was not like the silver screen life of Harvey Specter in *Suits*. However, he developed my understanding of how he worked and what the positives of his job were and the relationships he developed with his clients.

The evening was an incredible opportunity which was provided to us by the school and helped us make vital decisions about the next two years of our education. We are continually grateful to be a part of the Dubai College community that takes the time and effort to help and encourage their students. This enriching experience was filled with new things to learn and enlightening information on life in the workplace and our undetermined future.

Shehara & Simran, Year 11



DUBAI COLLEGE BUSINESS DINNER

The annual Dubai College business dinner was held on February 11th at the Raddison Blu Hotel for Year 12s and Year 13s. The event is an opportunity for Sixth Form students to meet and engage in stimulating conversations with eminent Dubai College alumni and professionals from various fields such as Law, Medicine, Engineering, Finance and Entrepreneurship. Through this interaction, students could gain considerable insight in to different careers of their interest. For the Sixth Form students who are on the threshold of leaving school for university, information and knowledge needs to be continuously updated, and these get-togethers add value and equip them for their future career. The event proved to be an asset to the students and left a resonating impression.

The evening began with a welcome speech by Mr Lambert which was followed by words of wisdom from Dubai College alumnus and notable entrepreneur, Mr Peter Zickerman. Students were then presented with a lavish three-course meal while they immersed themselves in discussions at their group tables. On an ending note, Mr Trivic thanked the sponsors of the event – SPJ Foundation and Clyde & Co – and the Dubai College alumni for providing a platform for the students to network and learn. The enthusiastic talks at the various tables then continued, reiterating the students' thirst for gathering and absorbing information and learning.

Nishka, Year 12





FDC Y7 FAMILY FUN DAY

The Year 7 Fun Day is a fun-filled family day organised every year by the FDC for the all the new Year 7 families of Dubai College. This year it was held on Friday 24th January, after being postponed from an earlier date due to inclement weather! The time came and the men in blue and parent volunteers set up the various games. Approximately 250+ parents and children turned up to participate, all dressed in their team colours. The obstacle race and tug of war was 'all play' and enjoyed by every participant. For the other games, the teams worked on their strategies which resulted in their best players being put forward with the sole intention of winning! It was all fun and games but the healthy competition between the form groups was a good way to build camaraderie between the new students (and their parents!). The FDC also set up a refreshment stand to provide a much needed energy break!!

We can't wait for the next one!
Go DC!!





DUBAI COLLEGE COMMUNITY GOLF AFTERNOON

On Thursday 9th January, despite the overcast sky and threat of rain, 40 golfers headed up the Abu Dhabi road to Jebel Ali Golf Resort for an afternoon of friendly competition. For many, there was a quick trip to the driving range before the game to dust off the clubs and practise a few swings!

At just before 3pm, everyone gathered in front of the clock for the annual team photograph and to hear the rules of the game.

There was much relief on hearing that the format was a Texas Scramble, which meant it was a team effort rather than individual performance. The pressure was off! As well as a winning team prize, there was an individual prize for nearest the pin on Hole 8 and another for longest drive on Hole 9.

After everyone took their first drives the competition and fun began! Congratulations to Simon Morris who won nearest the pin, Peter Turpie who won the longest drive and the team winners Andrew & Melissa Williams and Vikki & Joel Russo.

Sincere thanks to the event sponsors: Hadeef & Partners, SPJ Foundation and Jebel Ali Golf Resort.



FDC YEAR 7 & YEAR 8 DISCO

On Tuesday 10th December almost 200 students from Years 7 and 8 put on their festive outfits and headed to the Dubai College Auditorium which had been transformed into a disco for the night. After tucking in to festive treats, it was time to hit the dance floor to showcase their moves.

Sincere thanks to the large group of FDC volunteers who certainly managed to 'Make this a night to remember' for our junior students.



FDC FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

Round 1 – Start Time

Shockingly, we started late after we had to wait until 6.15pm for stragglers!

Round 2 – Organisers and Quizmaster & Mistress

Ritu Bhargava, Anju Madhani, Robert Duce and Claire Duce (in that order) helped arrange a well organised and very competitive quiz.

Round 3 – The Questions

These ranged from sport star anagrams (ONE FAR AS LONDON?), to which river

divides France and Germany? To top 40 music (and the amazing Dolly Parton's 9 to 5) to a final Accumulator Round with 10 points for knowing which lady was known as the 'Swedish Nightingale' for the purity and agility of her voice?

Creative Round

What teams made with paper, scissors, some Sellotape and felt tip pens was amazing. Special mention to Howard Banks of the Vacant Minds team for a wonderfully constructed and flamboyant hat!

Round 4 – And the winners are...

Everyone – as all seemed to have a good time. The children especially enjoyed the 'Name the Cartoon' picture round.

RESULTS are as below. Huge kudos to the Better Than U team who won for the second year running!

Round 5 – Thanks...

To all the FDC baking team for some amazing food, and the boys and girls in blue who provided drinks all night and then tidied up at the end

Round 6 – See You Same Time Next Year!

Mr R Duce
FDC



SPORTS OVERVIEW

2019/20

It is a sporting cliché to say 'do not leave anything on the field of play', which indicates that you have given your all and tried your best, giving with 100% effort. However, due to the Covid-19 lockdown, we have unfortunately had to leave a number of league campaigns and other events unfinished, which is very frustrating and a bit surreal.

However, even though not every squad has had their chance of cup winning glory or end of season heroics, the effort shown throughout a term and a half's jam packed ECA sports programme has been tremendous. Activities have taken place during the early morning, lunchtime, after school and late into the evenings, whilst games have been played extensively throughout the week. If we are to believe that it is the taking part that counts, then your effort and endeavour have made this a very eventful (half) year!

Some squads are worth a special mention including our U16A Football boys' team, who won their DASSA league and two additional tournaments. Although their perfect season was cut short by

not being able to finish their cup run, winning three possible trophies is still an excellent achievement. Other squads worth noting are the U19 Rounders teams who won both Divisions 1 and 3, amassing an end of season score that was more reminiscent of a cricket scorecard, and also our Senior Tennis squads, who dominated both the DASSA singles and doubles tournaments.

Following such a long and frustrating break from sport, it can be all too easy to become despondent and downbeat. In such situations it can be difficult to find the motivation to keep training and to push yourself to be the athlete you wish to become. In such instances, it is important to look elsewhere for inspiration from people who have shown that anything can be done once you put your mind to it.

My inspiration during lockdown came from a most unlikely of sources, a 99 year old war veteran in the UK, now known as Captain Tom. Rather than feeling down about the global lockdown, Tom decided to walk 100 laps of his house and raise money for the NHS. Although his initial plan was to help others in a small way, his final achievement was such that he raised over 25 million pounds, captured the imagination of a nation and is now destined to be knighted by the Queen!

As we face a long, hot summer ahead, look within, reflect and find the Captain Tom within yourselves. If you are willing to commit to your plans to become fitter, faster and stronger over the coming months, next year's sports season has the potential to be better than you ever could have imagined!

Stay safe, work hard and be active!

#TeamDC



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS 2019/2020

AQUATHLON

U12 DASSA Championship winners

U14 DASSA Championship winners

U19 DASSA Championship winners

CROSS COUNTRY

U13 DASSA Championship winners

BOYS' BASKETBALL

U16 World School Games champions

DANCE

Best Use of Dancers' Technique

BOYS' FOOTBALL

U16A DASSA Division 1 champions

U16A DASSA 7s champions

U16A MEUC Cup winners

U19A DASSA 7s winners

U19B DASSA League 4 winners

NETBALL

U19 BSAK winners

U12 BSAK winners

U15 Dubai 7s winners

U12 Development Tournament winners

U12 DASSA Group One Pool winners

U14 DASSA Group One Pool winners

U19 DASSA Group One Pool winners

DC1 DNL highest placed school team in Division 1

DC1 U19 International Tournament winners

ROUNDERS

U19A DASSA Division 1 champions

U19B DASSA Division 2 champions

RUGBY

U13A DC Rugby 7s winners

U14A BSAK Rugby 7s winners

U16A DC Rugby 7s winners

U19A Emirates Dubai 7s winners

U19A DASSA League winners

TENNIS

U19 DASSA Boys' Doubles champions

U19 DASSA Girls' Doubles champions

U16 DASSA Girls' Singles champions

U16 DASSA Girls' Doubles champions



U16A BOYS' BASKETBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Aditya Tolani
Coach's Player of the Year	Aditya Tolani
Players' Player of the Year	Tom Rietjens
Most Improved Player	Nikola Pandurovic

This season was that of a rollercoaster for the U16A boys, having several ups and downs. At the beginning of the season, as a team we underestimated the level of competition we were about to face leading to sub-par preparation for the season. In our first game against Jumeriah English Speaking School we suffered an unfortunate loss, however, after this match, the grit and hard work the team showed in the following training sessions paid off and as the season progressed we played better and better. Throughout the season we had two performances

in which we played especially well. The first was against Dubai International Academy and as they are one of the best teams in the league, we started uneasy and looked nervous. However, we gradually scored more and more in each quarter, due to better teamwork and effective coaching and by the last quarter, we were all equal. After this match our confidence rose and a testament to this improvement was our final match against Dubai English Speaking College. As a team, we demonstrated our improved skills when we outplayed DESC, displaying formidable defence and smart offence resulting in a win for DC. Overall, I believe we are in a strong position for next season if we can maintain the work ethic and diligence we showed at the end of this season.

Aditya Tolani 11DRI

U16B BOYS' BASKETBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Filip Popivoda
Coach's Player of the Year	Filip Popivoda
Players' Player of the Year	Amal Dhanesh
Most Improved Player	Aman Burman

DASSA SEASON

This year, the U16B team was extremely successful in several aspects of the game. Training began immediately in September, and with new additions to the squad, the Year 10s looked to be in great form. This was perfectly reflected in the DASSA season, winning all of our first 3 games in a league full of older players.

Heading into our final game against Jumeirah College, we believed that all of the momentum was with us. However, as the game started we realised that JC were a tough opponent and that we were in for a nail-biting game. Being neck and neck for much of the game both teams produced excellent plays on

both the defensive and offensive end. Nearing the final seconds of the second overtime, DC produced a lacklustre offence that was needed to secure our 1-point lead. This then translated to a steal by the opposition and an easy finish at the rim to give JC a 1-point win. Nevertheless, due to the point difference, our dedicated team obtained first place in the DASSA pool.

Filip Popivoda 10ROD

WSG TOURNAMENT, ABU DHABI

On December 7th, shortly after the season ended, we embarked on an unforgettable journey to Abu Dhabi. We would participate in the World School Basketball Championships 2019, where schools across the Middle East would compete for the

title. We had a disappointing start, narrowly losing to an experienced Dwight School, nonetheless, after many iconic motivational speeches from Mr Riordan, the team stepped up. The next game was against Winchester School. Seeing them play in previous games, we could see that we needed to step up and play as a team to get the victory. And that we did. A significant improvement from each player was observed, everyone would give maximum effort for every point, rebound, assist, steal and block. This would lead to a

hard-fought yet comfortable win against them. The remaining few games followed similarly. However, the last game of the day was once again against Dwight. Having lost in the first round, we were willing to put up more than just a fight. It was clear that we were hungrier for victory than the opposition, while the scoreboards almost remained equal throughout the whole game, 2 back-to-back killer 3 pointers sealed us the victory.

On the bus ride to the hotel, many memories were made as the sweet feeling of beating an opponent that had previously beaten you was now enjoyed by all the DC players. The next morning, we were back at NYU for some more action on the final day of the WSG tournament. First up we had Winchester School; as we had beaten them in our first meeting, we had to be cautious in this next game. The team did not take the game seriously, and with a couple of injuries, the opponents were leading entering the fourth quarter. Once again an improvement was needed, and with the help of Mr Riordan's speeches and a motivated squad we were through to the finals. Heading into the finals, the team felt the presence of the large crowd and several commentators but being DC athletes we did not let this get to our heads. Dwight School was our opponent; in this meeting we showed our class and by playing brilliant defence, paired with an efficient offence, we

managed to beat Dwight by an even bigger margin than our previous game. Just like that, the trophy was ours and the team flooded onto the court to celebrate.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Riordan for not only taking us to this tournament but also spending countless hours on the courts trying to make us better players. Sticking by us during frustrating games back in Years 7, 8 and 9, but also being patient enough to see us blossom into an amazing squad. We are not done though; on to greater successes!

Filip Popivoda 10ROD



U18A BOYS' BASKETBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Kaivalya Vohra
Coach's Player of the Year	Kaivalya Vohra
Players' Player of the Year	Ritvik Ramnath
Most Improved Player	Ben Morris

September rolled around; I was delighted to see a large turnout of 'ballers trying out for the teams. We spent the first few sessions introducing the newcomers to the 4-out offence that had proved crucial during our previous undefeated season. By the first game, everyone was comfortable with the deadly UCLA cuts. Mr Riordan and I had to make difficult decisions due to the team's depth. Our first game was against Greenfield International School – we beat them in the finals last season and, as expected, they wanted to settle the score. They were better prepared than us and unfortunately we lost 53-68. This motivated us to work harder for our next game against Uptown School. However, injury meant we were 2 men down. Although the game was close until the final minutes, we lost 46-51. The disappointment was exacerbated as star player Seb Snaas injured his knee on the rugby tour. Our next game was against Jumeirah English Speaking School. Fortunately, the team pulled together and with Ben Morris' stellar performance we won

51-32. This provided hope and motivated us to fight hard the next week against Raffles International School but, after a close game, we lost 42-47. Ritvik Ramnath balled out in our final game against Dubai International Academy but their barrage of 3s overpowered us and we lost 37-58. While we didn't get the results we wanted, we played some great team basketball.

I want to wish the boys next year the best of luck and thank Mr Riordan and Mr Jackson for their incredible support over the last 7 years.

Kaivalya Vohra 13ACR

U16A GIRLS' BASKETBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Yasmine Caraiscos
Coach's Player of the Year	Scarlett Joshi
Players' Player of the Year	Yasmine Caraiscos
Most Improved Player	Eloise Stewart-Smith

This year's U16A Basketball season was really strong and successful. We started off with our first match against Jumeirah English Speaking School, it was a tough one and the whole team was feeling a bit down after that game – JESS changed up their game plan after we started and created a tough group of girls to play against. It was a pretty hectic match, but we all knew exactly what we needed to do to up our game for the following week!

We then went on to beat our biggest competition, Dubai English Speaking College. We pulled it out of the bag and played our socks off, winning that match 34-27. That game bonded us as a team, bringing us all together in order to thrive for the rest of the season, and we did just that!

We came away securely winning the rest of our matches against Jumeirah College, Nord Anglia School and Dubai International Academy. As a

team we had a blast and enjoyed playing with each other. A massive thank you to Coach Djordje and Mrs Begley! What a season!

Yasmine Caraiscos 10MWD



U16B GIRLS' BASKETBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Georgia Levitt
Coach's Player of the Year	Georgia Levitt
Players' Player of the Year	Laura Iorini
Most Improved Player	Mariam Siali

We had a rocky start to the Basketball season after losing our first match, however, we snatched our first victory in our second match against Raffles International School where we dominated the court and came out on top 30-16. The determination and effort from the team was exemplary and with morale high, we then went on to play a tough game against GEMS World Academy where we defended well during some nail-biting attacks whilst also managing to score some fantastic baskets which put us in the lead. From here on, even though we did not win our next two matches, we grew as a team and we all improved our basketball skills enormously. This stood out especially in, perhaps the highlight of the season for us, the last quarter of our last match against Jumeirah English Speaking School, where although we did not win, we all stepped up our game massively and managed to score 8 baskets within the first few

minutes of the quarter.

I want to say thank you to all the players for a fantastic season; I can definitely say we worked well together as a team and our effort was consistent in every game whilst also managing to enjoy ourselves. I also want to say a big thank you to our coach Miss Clohesy for always motivating, supporting and encouraging us throughout the season.

Georgia Levitt 11STU

U18A GIRLS' BASKETBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captains	Hannah Dawson and Hannah Mathew
Coach's Player of the Year	Georgia Allen
Players' Player of the Year	Hannah Mathew
Most Improved Player	Amy Mackenzie

Our first game against GEMS United School was frustrating. Although the team worked as hard as it could, we narrowly lost by two points but this only acted as a fuel that ignited our desire to win. After more intense practices and team bonding both on and off the court, we were able to display a massive improvement in our following games. At Repton School, we won by a significant margin 29-2. This win highlighted to the team what we were capable of and boosted team spirit. However, we found ourselves faced with more of a challenge in our next three games. At Jumeirah English Speaking

School, we won by five points, at Jumeirah College, seven points, and lastly, at GEMS World Academy, two points. Despite not having a home-court advantage this year, as a team we were able to overcome challenges and hardships which resulted in a highly successful season!

Hannah Dawson 13BCH & Hannah Mathew 13JBA

U18B GIRLS' BASKETBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Kitty Davies
Coach's Player of the Year	Kitty Davies
Players' Player of the Year	Megan Parks
Most Improved Player	Danae Giannarou

The U18B Basketball season was an amazing opportunity to participate in and allowed for immense personal developments. I watched my teammates become not only more aware of their own potential but increasingly conscious of how much we had progressed as a team unit. Even though we only finished the season with one win against Nord Anglia School our losses were marginal by two points which demonstrates the amazing depth of talent within the team provided during the season. The fact the team this year was formed from a group which had not experienced playing together beforehand further demonstrates the growth everyone made in the sport. It is also especially testament to Mr Pernasilici who took on girls' basketball as a new coaching role this year and never failed to keep spirits high during the tough moments. I think the particularly impressive part about this team was definitely their grit to keep pushing when decisions did not go their way and to always hold up sporting standards (even after an occasional elbow to the nose). It was a pleasure to play as

part of the team this year and I was left with many fond memories, like wearing the basketball shorts which seem to get longer every year! I wish all the players in the lower Sixth Form the best of luck next year and hope they all continue to play with their unfaltering smiles.

Kitty Davies 13GRO



U13 CRICKET

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Christopher Woolley
Coach's Player of the Year	Ryan Paramasivam
Players' Player of the Year	Paidi Robinson
Most Improved Player	Aryav Ohdrani

This year we had many enthusiastic players coming down to the U13 training sessions and it was a fantastic sight to see: ball after ball being bowled until there were many cries of desperation at the fact that yet another wide had been bowled. Despite our season being cut short due to the lockdown, we had some thrilling games one of which was on November 14th. It was against the It's Just Cricket Academy and we had batted first and created 117 runs for 6 wickets after a remarkable batting performance in the first innings by Aryan and Arjun Verma. However, after a disappointing bowling performance where we bowled too many wides, we let the final few runs slip through our fingers, literally, and they fought back to tie the match. After a brief team talk we were back out on the pitch for a super over. IJC batted first and in six balls they made 5 runs and our over, which came down to the last ball, ended with us on top.

There were funny moments on the field including dropped catches and run outs for the team to laugh about. One of which was Blake Taylor running in and dropping the ball. But none of these things would have been possible without our fantastic coach Mr Berkenshaw who was there helping us when

something wasn't working. Thank you so much and I am sure the U13A team cannot wait to see you next year. I just want to commend some performances by the following boys: Raghav Jasuja, Keshav Jasuja, Tommy Wells, Ziggy Harland, Paidi Robinson, and Aaryan Sainani, all of which were with bat and ball.

Christopher Woolley 8BPH

U15 CRICKET

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Zak Pirzada
Coach's Player of the Year	Zain Rana
Players' Player of the Year	Kushaan Sainani
Most Improved Player	Aryaman Arora



The cricket season was mixed with highs and lows. Unfortunately, due to these unforeseen circumstances, we did not manage to play the Tape-ball or DC Sixers tournaments but the season was still filled with much success. We started the year slowly with back-to-back losses, however, as the year went on and we shook off the cobwebs from the summer, we went on a four game winning streak beating Repton School, It's Just Cricket, Kings School Al Barsha and a touring side. We brushed aside Repton and Kings, registering 73 and 71 run wins respectively. It's Just Cricket took us right to the line; however, we kept our nerve and pulled off a one run win.

The touring side game was a great opportunity for the entire team, providing us with experience against a different style of opposition. We all adapted well to their approach and produced a comfortable victory. I hope this game has made us all more versatile and provided more maturity for the whole team.

Overall, this year was a big success thanks to all the hard work we put in on the training ground. Also, a big thanks to the groundsman who kept the pitches in great condition throughout the season and of course a massive thanks to Coach Berkenshaw for all his efforts in organising matches, coaching and all the other work he does for the team. We hope for another successful year next year when we should be able to complete the season.

Zak Pirzada 10MYA

U18 CRICKET

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Eisa Hussain
Coach's Player of the Year	Eisa Hussain
Players' Player of the Year	Rishi Barve
Most Improved Player	Mayansh Upadhyaya

Our first match of the DASSA league was against Kings School Al Barsha when we were ready, as ever, after our pre-season training. This was evident in our performance and despite Kings getting off to a quick start, Veer Vohra and Rishi Barve's tight bowling, with figures of 1-13 and 0-16 off 4 overs, restricted Kings to a total of 86. This superb display in the field was then followed by some positive, attacking batting from Kushaan Sainani (33*) and Pranav Nanda (42*) commanding us to a 10 wicket victory.

Following our first win in the DASSA tournament, we then progressed through the rest of the group stage matches undefeated, including 50+ scores from Kushaan Sainani and Eisa Hussain as well as Zain Rana and Aryan Mehta chipping in with both bat and ball. Like always, Mahika Gaur, Osian Thomas and Raghav Awasthi had great spells with their bowling throughout the tournament, which was a large factor as to why we were as successful as we were. However, unfortunately, our semi-final performance

against Repton School wasn't as successful where we lost in an intense run chase right at the end of the match. Despite finishing the season earlier than expected we were glad to finish on a high against Reigate Grammar School with an amazing all-round performance by everyone. A special thanks to Mr Berkenshaw for all his drive, desire and dedication to make us not only better cricketers but better individuals. We are grateful for your hard work and support.

Eisa Hussain 12SPE



DANCE



This year Dance at Dubai College has been headed by Mrs Bland and Casey Camball, Mia James and I have all played a role in assisting with the dance team by helping with auditioning the dancers and choreographing dances. In addition, at the end of term two we elected a new Dance Captain, Amelie Mayne. This year the level of dance at DC has been incredible and we have been so lucky to have a brilliant team made up of 19 stylish, talented, diverse dancers. Throughout the year we have trained twice a week in many different styles of dance including ballet, pointe, contemporary, hip hop, street dance and acro.

At the end of October, we performed a moving dance to the Year 7s on Pink Day to symbolise the hope and strength so many people have whilst fighting cancer. Then in December we also had lots of girls go off to compete in the solo and duo categories in the UDO (United Dance Organisation) freestyling competition. The

dancers all danced really well and we were so proud of all who took part.

Straight after the winter break at the start of January we competed at Desert Dance. Due to the rain we unfortunately ended up missing quite a few rehearsals, therefore in the two weeks after the holidays before the competition we all came together to diligently train every day during breaktimes, lunchtimes and after school. On the day of Desert Dance we all had so much fun doing each other's make-up and hair, watching the other dances and learning the choreography for the finale, moreover all our hard work paid off as at the end of the competition we won the award for 'Best Technique'. Additionally, at the competition we were really proud of Sabeen Shariff who won a dance scholarship at Fusion Arts.

After the lockdown was announced we didn't want to stop dancing, so we've continued training with the Dance Captains creating online tutorials. Furthermore, to keep team spirits high, we made a rainbow themed team dance to share our happiness, hope and passion for dancing with each other.

Fleur Wharton 12JNE

U12A BOYS' FOOTBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Laith Mussa
Coach's Player of the Year	Laith Mussa
Players' Player of the Year	Laith Mussa
Most Improved Player	Oliver Cheesebrough

The season got off to a rough start. We were all new to Dubai College and most of us had not played together before. We clearly had no green links and zero chemistry. In our first match, we suffered a 5-0 loss to a well-oiled Nord Anglia School team. We persevered but we couldn't get a goal to boost our confidence. The opposition were not going to get to us and we ensured that we got a better result the next time we played them. We then faced Jumeirah College and won, leaving us with one win and one loss. If we kept going at this rate we would secure a solid top 3 finish. Towards the latter part of the season, the boys had developed a good understanding of each other's playing style, positional sense and with a bit of flair and creativity, we hit our groove. Our return match against NAS resulted in a 0-0 draw, displaying how far we had come. After a few ups and downs in the league, we finished third, which wasn't too bad, taking into consideration that we were a new team that had

never played with each other. Our goal for next season is to win at least two pieces of silverware; onwards and upwards!

Laith Mussa 7SCW

U12B BOYS' FOOTBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Alp Ata
Coach's Player of the Year	Kyle Ziade
Players' Player of the Year	Alp Ata
Most Improved Player	Alex Duncan

In September many Year 7s got their first opportunity to play football for Dubai College. Playing against many 'A' teams was always going to be a struggle and the season didn't start well. In our first match against Nord Anglia School we suffered a 7-0 defeat. This could have easily demoralised us and could have ruined our season. However, we didn't stop working hard and didn't lose our confidence. In our second match, this all paid off against a Repton School team which we felt were more evenly matched to us. Now we had started to get to know each other and our playing styles, it finally clicked together. In this match we kept on fighting even when they equalised and we eventually secured the win. This greatly boosted our confidence and going into the next match this clearly showed as we got off to a great start by scoring the first goal. Sadly, it was cut short as it all crumbled apart, with the opposition scoring

two more goals and therefore winning the game. After that game we suffered a few defeats and capped off an interesting first season with a number of ups and downs. This has been a great learning experience for all of us and now we are better and more experienced we feel like next year we can become contenders and return better performances. Many thanks to Paul and Mr Jackson for their efforts and we look forward to next year's battles.

Alp Ata 7AJA

U13A BOYS' FOOTBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Alexander Joshi
Coach's Player of the Year	Badr Alami
Players' Player of the Year	Jack Drew
Most Improved Player	Juan Freile

This season was kicked off with the DASSA league in which we performed very well. We won 3 out of 5 games and secured the 2nd place spot, ahead of Jumeirah English Speaking School. Our first competition was the DASSA 7s where we played with class. Unfortunately, we were knocked out in the semi-finals after a few controversial calls and scrappy play. Overall, we played together brilliantly but did not finish the job. After the winter holiday, we returned in the DASSA cup. However, this year we were very unfortunate to be knocked out in the first quarter-final. Throughout the whole season, we

have had our ups and down, our wins and our losses, but that is what a game like football is all about. We will work on our mistakes and come back next season a stronger and more resilient team.

Alexander Joshi 8BST

U14A BOYS' FOOTBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Zachary Grundy
Coach's Player of the Year	Aiden Black
Players' Player of the Year	Juha Leinonen
Most Improved Player	Theo Martin

In what was a relatively underwhelming season for the U14As, after losing a lot of players over the summer, we finished bottom of the league after a string of poor performances. Following this, we had minor success in the cup, nearly beating The International School of Choueifat, only to lose on penalties.

Next year I can see us coming back much stronger, hopefully with some fresh faces from other year groups. However, an honourable mention must go

to Mr Jackson and Sid, who despite our poor and inconsistent performances, stuck with us and didn't lose faith in the bigger picture, which was developing us as footballers. I would also like to mention Zayan Aka's outstanding performances all over the field in positions as varied as central midfield to right back, he was outstanding and really impressed everyone with his flair on the ball.

Zachary Grundy 9CRI

U16A BOYS' FOOTBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Thomas Hadden
Coach's Player of the Year	Matthew Campbell
Players' Player of the Year	Thomas Hadden
Most Improved Player	Oliver Clifford

September saw the kick-off for the new season for the U16A boys' team. The boys kicked off the season with a strong side, knowing they were able to bring home some silverware. Our coach for this season was Lee who we all knew well and knew our squad inside and out so we were more than ready. A first game 7-0 win against Nord Anglia School gave us the much needed confidence to push on throughout the season. Although losing 1-0 away at Jumeirah English Speaking School was a shock result we went on to win our next four league games scoring 23 goals and only letting in 4. It was a great league campaign full of last minute winners, tight games and thrashings, which eventually saw us lift the league title against Dubai English Speaking College. However, this was only one of the highlights of our season.

In the October half term, we were lucky enough to be chosen as the only age group from Dubai College to go on a tour to India. For some of us it was our first time there and it was great experiencing a culture we were not normally used to, as well as playing some good football teams on some not so good pitches, which we found a challenge. Overall, it was a great and thrilling trip that we would all definitely recommend and do again. Following on from this, we picked up another piece of silverware after winning the DASSA 7s. It was a great tournament for us yet

again which saw us beat Jumeirah College on penalties in the final with Matthew Campbell slotting away his penalty to win it.

Finally, we were invited to a tournament with teams from across the Middle East where we came out eventual winners and were unbeaten throughout the weekend. Overall, it was a great season that was sadly cut short as there was still so much to be won. We will all remember it for a long time and are all grateful to the support the school has given to football over the last couple of years. I'd like to thank Coach Lee and Mr Jackson on behalf of the whole U16 squad. We look forward to re-joining as a team in two years' time.

Thomas Hadden 11JKI



U16B BOYS' FOOTBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Thomas Haigh
Coach's Player of the Year	Aman Burman
Players' Player of the Year	AliMahdi Meghji
Most Improved Player	James Ashton

Our U16B team season was nothing short of eventful and I had the honour of captaining the team. Throughout the season many players who had never played for the school before stepped up to help the side and with the addition of some more experienced members, we were able to compete very well in all of our matches. We were unlucky in our first match facing the hardest team in our league with barely 11 players. Following a 3-0 defeat we stepped up our game and with a great display from the whole team and the help from a few star performances we finished the next match 1-0 up. The next game we fought hard again against our old rivals and the result of a gruelling hour of football was 3-3.

The subsequent two matches were once again challenging and with our goalkeeper being absent, amongst others, players had to step up. With some bad luck and an 'unlucky' performance in goal from me, we lost the two tough games narrowly. Determined to stop our losing streak we were fired up and

ready; after a top performance from the boys, we came away 2-1 from our penultimate game. We fought bravely and competitively in the final match, came away 1-0 up and were delighted. Overall, it's been a pleasure to captain the team and play with such amazing sportsmen who despite being lacking experience went above and beyond in every performance.

Thomas Haigh 10LCA

1ST XI BOYS' FOOTBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Joel Harrison
Coach's Player of the Year	John De Vilhena Rees
Players' Player of the Year	Thomas Rose
Most Improved Player	Dom Marmachi

Our first game of the season was definitely a comeback to remember. Young talent Ben Morris' left peg sealed a last-minute win against The International School of Choueifat, which set the tone and the intensity that we intended to play



with for the rest of the league campaign. Then came the DASSA 7s, held at the DC fortress. We progressed through the tournament very capably thanks to magical attacking performances from Tom Morris and Morgan Thomas, as well as a clinical penalty from specialist Jake Hower, which sealed the deal, winning us a well-contested final. We saw consistent progress as each game passed, assisted by top-tier coaching from Ben Smith and priceless advice from veteran Mr Jackson, remaining unbeaten in the league for most of the season.

The annual derby against Dubai English Speaking College was a very close game, inspiring strong defensive performances from 'passing maestro' John De Vilhena Rees, 'brick wall' Thomas Rose and Vice Captain Nick Prynn. An intense contest was settled only by a freakish 30 yard volley, as DESC narrowly won. League title hopes were slim to none from this point on, but still, despite injuries and absences, we finished in second place. We were hungry for the cup given the bitter taste of defeat that still lingered. Unfortunately, our season was cut short, but given our team's talent and passionate commitment to football, I am confident that the cup was ours to win. Thank you to Coach Ben and to Mr Jackson for bringing football into a position of priority this year at DC, which made both training and playing a fantastic experience for me and for the team.

Joel Harrison 13MDH

2ND XI BOYS' FOOTBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Ali Tabba
Coach's Player of the Year	Zeyad Salah
Players' Player of the Year	Hashim Mirjan
Most Improved Player	Adam Nsouli

The Second XI had a great season this year, finishing top of the table and advancing up to the second division of the DASSA U18 league. The season began with an away game at Uptown School and we got off to a strong start. An unlucky deflection of a free kick from the clinical Hashim Mirjan teed up the ball to Ali Tabba, who slotted it into the back of the net. Going into the break 1-0 up after a solid start, an inspirational speech from Mr Trivic caused the army to go out and give arguably one of the best second half performances ever witnessed. Arjan Khele led the way, trotting forward with the ball in early exchanges resulting in a quick brace for the super sub. In the closing stages,

Oliver Duthie and Zeyad Salah sealed the game for the army with a quick succession of goals, resulting in a comfortable 5-1 win.

The following two fixtures were tough, and despite the squad fighting hard, we drew 2-2 against Wellington Silicon Oasis, and tallied up our first loss of the season against Kent College. The transfer window was fast approaching, and the



army took full advantage recruiting Gaby Cordahi, Haseeb Mirza and Salman Aziz. After the arrival of our new signings, we felt uplifted and began an amazing run of form, triumphing in all the remaining games of the season. The penultimate match of the season was a feisty affair, resulting in the coaches intervening to separate a heated disagreement at the centre of the pitch.

Our final fixture was against rivals Dubai English Speaking College at the DC fortress and with a win securing the league title, it was all to play for. For many of us Year 13s it was our last time playing 90 minutes for Dubai College, and all these years of experience seemed to play into our hands as we managed to hold off the DESC attack after going 1-0 up thanks to some solid defence by Adam Nsouli and Kris Bhargava. After a brilliant season, I would like to thank all the players who made it possible, as well as a special thanks to Mr Trivic for being our coach and putting up with our tunes on the bus to and from games.

Ali Tabba 13CHO

U12A GIRLS' FOOTBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Alana Black
Coaches Player of the Year	Alana Black
Players' Player of the Year	Alana Black
Most Improved Player	Tilly Black

The Dubai College U12 Girls' Football team are lucky to be a great group of friends both on and off the pitch. Our drive to win and enjoy every game has resulted in a fun season where we have gone from strength to strength, improving with every game. Our coach Miss Innes was always supportive and gave us amazing guidance. She believed in us and gave us the confidence we needed to win. We played many games but one of the highlights of our season was our first game where we played Jumeirah English Speaking School and won 2-0. This allowed us to start the season on a high and ensured we had the

confidence to go forward believing we could do well. Probably our best game was our DASSA Cup match against league winners Dubai English Speaking College. The game started well with us scoring within the first few moments. Going with momentum we scored 3 more goals to end the game 4-0 which put us through to the semi-finals where we beat Kings School Al Barsha to make it through to the DASSA Cup Final. Unfortunately, our season was cut short and we were unable to play in the final at the 7s Stadium against JESS. Each and every player in the team played their part to ensure we had a successful season, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for doing so well and trying their hardest. I would also like to thank the IJF coaches and Miss Innes, we cannot wait to start the league again in September.

Alana Black 7AJA





U12B GIRLS' FOOTBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Amaya Hussain
Coaches Player of the Year	Dasuni Gunasekara
Players' Player of the Year	Sophie Maillet-Freixan
Most Improved Player	Lily Craig

Even though we didn't know each other that well, we can all agree that we did have a good time playing. At the beginning of the season there was quite a big selection to choose from and from there our squad has slowly got smaller and we have come to know each other better. Although we may have played some difficult matches we did have fun, from rushing to the bus on our way to lots of different schools and to one particular person spilling 7Up on the bus and on top of that them forgetting their football shorts. In true Dubai spirit, they got their nanny to come all the way down to Sharjah and deliver the kit and I'm sure Lily will be very grateful for that. Anyway, from there we went on to play a fantastic match.

I've got to say there was one particular match I was very impressed with, the one where we played Dubai English Speaking College, and even though we didn't win that match we were very close and kept persevering. At the end of the match the score was 3-2. However, there was some fantastic play especially from Susannah, our goalie who saved a lot of goals and our defenders such as Rosie, Giulia, Gio, Prittika, Kiara, Tilly and Dasuni who did

very well to keep the score as low as possible, and to our midfielders and strikers such as Imogen, Lily, Liya, Lea, Sophie and myself who helped attack and score the goals. Despite the loss we still tried our best and didn't give up no matter how frustrated we felt and that is key in sports.

I would like to end with a thank you to all the teachers and coaches who helped us form this team and of course coach us, so thank you Miss Innes, Ms Hill and Mrs Saran.

Amaya Hussain 7TSO

U13A GIRLS' FOOTBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Maha Nawaz
Coaches Player of the Year	Maha Nawaz
Players' Player of the Year	Maha Nawaz
Most Improved Player	Maha Ahmad

During this season, my teammates and I have thoroughly enjoyed this year's U13 Football Squad. Although we got off to a rocky start, through personal endurance, rearranging of positions and gradually building chemistry, we were able to not only grasp our place in the league but work our way up the ranks into the semi-finals. With Miss Quigley's coaching and hard work, we achieved a winning streak against North London Collegiate School and Safa Community School. We endeavoured to continue this streak in the last match of term against Kings School Al Barsha. It was a nail-biting match and Kings were

up by 1 goal in the second half. With the final substitutions of this match, we had entered the last 30 seconds. It was a DC side-line, strident silence resonating in the air. The whistle blew and the ball had left her hands. Zara zealously fought for the ball and swiftly passed it to me. With the help of my teammates there was a clear path to score. I took a potent shot and Sophie kicked it in. The game was over and with the last goal, it was 4-4, a bittersweet tie. Although we did not win, we had given our all for this final match and to us, that was a victory in itself.

Maha Nawaz 8MHA

U14B GIRLS' FOOTBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Lavinia Skandalis
Coaches Player of the Year	Lucy Parks
Players' Player of the Year	Lucy Parks
Most Improved Player	Rabab Tariq

This season was a challenging one for the U14Bs as they were a mix of Year 8s and 9s who didn't know each other too well. We trained every Sunday, Monday and Wednesday, and played four matches, winning the final one against Jumeirah English Speaking School 2-1. We had a strong offence, however, lack of communication in the first few matches slowed us down. As we progressed, we got to know each other better and communication on the field improved, and we were able to pass to each other more. Lucy Parks gave us a strong defensive core and helped us bring the ball towards the goal. We scored in two of our matches: Hafsa Ditta scored a goal against Jumeirah College and Lavinia Skandalis scored two goals against JESS. Based on the matches, the team concluded that players should stick to their positions, not

follow the ball and defenders should be more aggressive and follow their opponent. Overall, the team improved a lot from the matches and we have learnt from our mistakes on the field.

Lavinia Skandalis 9RQU



U16A GIRLS' FOOTBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Georgia Levitt
Coaches Player of the Year	Georgia Levitt
Players' Player of the Year	Alisha Ahmad
Most Improved Player	Megan Levitt

This year's football season may not have been as successful as we may have hoped for, however, the determination and effort of the team was consistent throughout all our matches. We were all strong, individual footballers but many of us had not played together before. It took us a couple of matches to find our rhythm, but in our third match against Dubai International Academy, we snatched our first victory 4-0. From here on, even though we didn't win another match until

the DASSA cup knock-out, we grew as a team and all of us improved our football skills enormously. Unfortunately, we were knocked out by Repton School after losing a very close match 2-3 in the DASSA Cup Quarter-Finals. Although we were not outstandingly successful, we all extremely enjoyed playing football with each other and we would not have been able to improve our skills as individuals and our teamwork without the great support of Mr Day throughout the season. Next year, we hope to return as a stronger team!

Georgia Levitt 11STU

U18A GIRLS' FOOTBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Amy Mackenzie
Coaches Player of the Year	Sophie Newbery (Year 13) & Daniela Parnias Lopez (Year 12)
Players' Player of the Year	Amy Mackenzie
Most Improved Player	Ana McLernon



We began our football season with a strong start, beating Jumeirah English Speaking School 2-1 in our first game despite several of our team members being new to football this year! Erica, Lucy and Dani passed brilliantly through midfield and we saw some amazing defensive play from Megan and Ana.

Despite gelling quickly as a team, our next two matches, however, did not go so well, including a slightly shocking home game against Dubai English Speaking College, although as a marginal saving grace I should mention that we did only have 9 players. Forging ahead, following Mr Day's excellent training we achieved a fantastic victory over Jumeirah College with a final score of 5-2! This impressive result was largely thanks to Sophie Newbery who scored a hat-trick (!), Yazzie in Year 10 (filling in brilliantly one-time only for her injured sister Bella) who scored an amazing goal in the last 5 minutes, and Danae who proved

to be brilliant on the wings. Of course, this victory would not have been possible without Lara's brilliance in goal and Emma's great versatility – essentially playing in every position aside from keeper.

Soon, we entered the Cup rounds and played a hard-fought match against Jumeirah English Speaking School, but despite some brilliant play from Chloe and Sophie Tillon we ultimately lost our quarter-final. Under normal circumstances we would have liked to finish the season (the final season at DC for our Year 13s) at the annual BSAK 7s, an enjoyable tradition for us.

Regardless, I am insanely proud of these girls and all we have achieved together, and a special thanks must go to Mr Day for doing his very best to turn us into excellent footballers.

Amy Mackenzie 12CMO



GYMNASTICS



This year's Secondary School Floor and Vault Competition took place at the end of January at Nord Anglia School. Fleur Wharton and I went along to represent Dubai College, both competing in Senior Level 3. It was a great opportunity for us to have fun choreographing our own floor routines and performing them in front of an audience as well as a chance for both of us to test our vaulting ability (which was rather out of practice). The competition itself was amazing, we both performed brilliant routines wearing our DC leotards with pride and even coming away with a few medals. There were gymnasts from Years 7 to 12 competing in a range of levels and I thoroughly encourage



many more DC gymnasts to participate next year. A big thanks must go to Mrs Bland for organising our participation and I am already looking forward to competing next year!

Olivia Allen 12MDH

U12A NETBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Jessica Dyas
Coach's Player of the Year	Molly Fuller
Players' Player of the Year	Mya Khurshid
Most Improved Player	Dana Shater

At the end of the first term we played our first ever tournament as a team; we worked very hard and just clicked really easily and we enjoyed our first win as a squad. This season has made us all become so much closer and we have become good friends as well as teammates. Over the past few months, we all have trained twice a week with our coach and many hours outside of school. Individually, we have all grown and learnt different skills but, most importantly, how to work well as a team. When our

first match came, we were prepared and felt ready. That was the starting point of a rather special and versatile team. The defenders made sure that no goals were let in, the centre court kept the ball moving down to the shooters who did an amazing job at scoring many goals in the match. Throughout the season, all our work paid off with some amazing results, even though we lost one game, we tried our hardest and had lots of fun. Overall, we have had a fantastic season and I can't wait until we can all play together again next season.

Jessica Dyas TJCO

U12B NETBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Alana Black
Coach's Player of the Year	Simran Dosanjh
Players' Player of the Year	Alana Black
Most Improved Player	Matilda Grant

The U12B Netball Squad had a very challenging start to the season this year as the DASSA league was set up in a new way meaning our first few games were extremely tough. The team played in Division 1 and showed great sportsmanship. We were lucky enough to have Ms Donovan as our coach, who was extremely patient and taught us so much in a very short time. We had a number of exciting games where tension was high. One of our most memorable matches was against Repton School during the first few games of the league. The pressure was on and the game ended up being a draw at 10-10, great work from both our shooters and our defenders! Our last game of the season was our most successful, where we played an away match against Foremarke School, and won with an amazing score of 23-4. This shows how much our teamwork and netball skills developed with more experience and training with Ms Donovan.

Unfortunately, our season was cut short meaning we were unable to finish the league but we are definitely looking forward to getting back on the court and playing again next season. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the members of the squad who worked extremely hard and did their very best each and every time they got on court and Ms Donovan for teaching us so much.

Alana Black TAJA



U12C NETBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Giulia Iorini
Coach's Player of the Year	Giulia Iorini
Players' Player of the Year	Leila Hidmi
Most Improved Player	Gio Kim

Overall, this was a great season for our netball team. When we started playing in term two, we were still quite new to Dubai College and were getting to know each other, therefore, it was initially a challenge as we were not used to playing as a team. However, we were so excited about the opportunity to be part of a DC team that we worked really hard in training and it paid off! In our first match we won against English College, what a rush of adrenaline! We were ready for more. But despite having won our first game, we still had some areas to improve. Something we all struggled with was footwork as well as getting in front of our players. As we spent more time practising and playing matches, our skills improved, and we began playing better in matches. Our first tournament was the developing tournament at Jebel Ali School where we played very well, working as a united team and battled for a place in the finals. The result: we won against Kent College in the Bowl Final, and we were

extremely proud of ourselves! I would like to thank Miss Innes for coaching our team this year and helping us develop our skills and teamwork. She has been an amazing coach, giving us helpful advice, always positive and supportive. I would like to congratulate the whole team for their amazing effort and hard work. I am very proud to have been the Captain of this team and I cannot wait for next year!

Giulia Iorini TSOR



U12D NETBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Hana Duce
Coach's Player of the Year	Agata Savelyeva
Players' Player of the Year	Hana Duce
Most Improved Player	Prittika Ganguly

Even though we were not the best team in Year 7, we have all improved so much. Everyone in the team has learnt countless things and even though we could not complete the entire netball season, we had lots of new experiences and have amazing memories. It was amazing that our netball team has girls from different classes, and it has been a great experience to interact with new people and make new friends. In our first matches our scores were not very good but in the following weeks our scores became closer and closer. A very memorable moment was the last match we played, before our season was cancelled, against Jebel Ali School. I think it was the highlight of our season, as it was the last match we played, and we won 6-1! This would not have been possible without Mrs Bland's help and support throughout all our



ups and downs. Mrs Bland gave us lots of encouragement and I think I speak for everyone in the team by saying that Mrs Bland taught us all great techniques and helped us work together as a team. I am very grateful to her and hope we can continue next year and hope our team continues to build on all our achievements so far.

Hana Duce TACL

U13A NETBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Sophie Bennett
Coach's Player of the Year	Sophie Bennett
Players' Player of the Year	Aalya Sengupta
Most Improved Player	Maha Nawaz

The U13A team, coached by Ms Donovan, had an amazing year of netball and we were motivated at each game and determined to win. We had so many memorable moments as a team and developed an unbreakable bond. Some of our proudest moments were when we lost to Dubai English Speaking College 13-15 away but worked on what we needed to improve on and played them again and won 17-11! We also won against Jumeirah College 21-9 and Jumeirah English Speaking School 17-14. After every match Ms Donovan had us form a circle and discuss the best parts and what we could improve for our next match, we also explained what individually

we are going to try and work on then say something someone else did that stood out for them. We think this was an important part of the match because we can never improve if we don't know what to work on and are going to keep trying to do this after every match we play.

During our second match against DESC we focused on our highlights of the previous but also what let us down a little, the training before that we discussed that our communication needed to be improved so we spent the training time practising communication and also our awareness of each other's space. Because of that training we entered the game confident and it was one of our best games we had played all year! We cannot wait to play with this team again next year and think it will be even better than this year that was unfortunately cut a little short.

Sophie Bennett 8RVE

U13B NETBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Tegan McCarthy
Coach's Player of the Year	Hana Latif
Players' Player of the Year	Kaila Jafar
Most Improved Player	Wiktorja Blazik

This season the U13B Netball team was coached by Mrs Stapley. We had two training sessions per week which were spent running drills and playing matches with the U13A team with both Mrs Stapley and Ms Donovan. Due to a shortened season this year because of COVID-19, we were unable to play all matches and participate in the DASSA tournament at the end of the season. However, out of the five matches that we did play my favourite, if I had to choose, would have to be the fourth match that we played against the Jumeirah English Speaking School B team. Although we lost that match it was an exciting one to both watch and play. At all times, the match was extremely close with the final nail-biting score being 14-13. In my opinion, we played the best that we had all season. The reason for this is because we were challenged in different positions rather than the ones we are more familiar with. I think the team would agree with me that we are not necessarily limited to one position, in fact we can play up to two or three. I feel that everyone benefited from this and it was useful to know that we can be more versatile which will make us better players in the future. Although a short season due to the current situation, we developed and played well as a team over the course

of the matches and I enjoyed the opportunity of being captain.

Tegan McCarthy 8BPH

U13C NETBALL

This season has been amazing. Although we didn't get to play many matches it was really enjoyable to play together and learn new skills. The highlight of the season was probably the development tournament at Jumeirah English Speaking School. Overall, this season was really fun and I think we have all benefited from the coaching Miss Innes gave us and the game time we have played.

Lily Britton 8FHU

U13C NETBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Lily Britton
Coach's Player of the Year	Lily Britton
Players' Player of the Year	Lily Britton
Most Improved Player	Emaan Siddiqui

U14A NETBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Lia Warren
Coach's Player of the Year	Noorulain Hussain
Players' Player of the Year	Jemma Eley
Most Improved Player	Charlie Preston

This year was a fantastic season for the U14A Netball team. Our first match against Jumeirah College, couldn't have played out any better – resulting in a win 40-0. This match not only allowed us to put our many hours of training into play, but also set an unbeaten streak which continued for the rest of the season. I was thoroughly impressed with all players as morale never faltered. Injured girls always supported from the side-lines, helping with tactics, feedback, scoring and timing. This helped unite us as a team, both off court and whilst playing. Our main task was preparing for our penultimate match

against Jumeirah English Speaking School. Using our mistakes from previous matches, and dedicated training every week, we were certainly ready. Therefore, the entire team was extremely disappointed to hear that this match (along with others) was cancelled. However, our hard work was not for nothing, as for the duration of this season, all ten of our players have progressed into better netball players. As Captain, I am proud to have had the privilege to work with this team and succeed in the entirety of our matches. Finally, I'd like to thank Miss Jones, since without her dedication, expertise and passion, we would not have grown as such a united team.

Lia Warren 9MAB

U14B NETBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Ella Davidson
Coach's Player of the Year	Scarlett Slow
Players' Player of the Year	Areesha Fehmi
Most Improved Player	Natasha Murphy

This season the U14B Netball squad was coached by Miss Clohesy and I think everyone's skills have developed over this term. I was very happy and honoured to be chosen as captain for such an amazing team. This season we have worked very well as a team, we won all our matches which I think is a huge achievement. During training, we've all worked really well together and

trained very hard to improve our strategies which helped us win our games. We all stepped out of our comfort zones as we played different positions that we hadn't played before, some excelled in them others preferred their previous

positions. Shooting this season was incredible and getting the ball from the centre to goal was something we were quite good at.

Overall, I think the U14B team had a very good season and I am sure most of us wish we could have finished it. I would like to finish off with a thank you from the team to our fantastic coach Miss Clohesy.

Ella Davidson 9LOB



U14C NETBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Jodie May
Coach's Player of the Year	Zahraa Muhammad
Players' Player of the Year	Jodie May
Most Improved Player	Maha Ahmad

The netball season for the U14C team has been both challenging and fun. As a new team we had never played together, but we soon got to know each other more and we started to get used to playing as a team. As the season progressed, we got into the rhythm of it and were able to play some strong netball. Every match was a learning point that helped to bond and progress us as a team. Miss Quigley never stopped giving us helpful feedback whether we won or lost a match. We definitely improved our game overall and learnt to work with each other's strengths and weaknesses throughout the season.

I would like to thank our amazing coach, Miss Quigley, for always motivating and encouraging us on the side-lines, keeping us positive and optimistic. With your amazing support we learnt to work together and focus on skills whilst enjoying the game and forming friendships.

Lastly, a big well done to all the netball players for their hard work this season. I enjoyed being captain of this team and cannot wait for the next netball season!

Jodie May 9CRI



U16A NETBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Allie Craig
Coach's Player of the Year	Allie Craig
Players' Player of the Year	Zainab Hussain Syed
Most Improved Player	Madilyn Allen-Paver

The season this year has been a great display of how hard our team has worked. Each player gave their all, both on the court and in training sessions. Their efforts really shine through during matches, which is clear with the great results we finished with. On behalf of the entire team, we'd like to say a massive thank you to Ms Donovan for her amazing coaching each match - and an even bigger congrats for putting up with our singing on the bus back! You've helped us all grow as individual players and helped us work better as a squad. I'd say one of our favourite matches was against WSO, where we won 35-8. It was our first match together and we started to bond as a team and the dynamic of our group really clicked. Another great game for us was against our own U16B team, where we won 22-7 (a big well done to the

centre court for their support in this match!). In the DASSA tournament this year, I was so proud of the team! We won everything in our pool and made it into the finals against Jumeirah English Speaking School. It was a very tough match, we fought very hard but ultimately just lost it after a draw at half-time. Well done for a great season and I cannot wait to get back on court with this talented group of players next year!

Allie Craig 11CMM

U16B NETBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Gracie May
Coach's Player of the Year	Jodie Qursha
Players' Player of the Year	Jodie Qursha
Most Improved Player	Eloise Stewart-Smith

Our U16B netball season was a tough but enriching experience for us as players. Due to being the only B team in Division 1, we were challenged to step up our match-play which, I believe, helped us to grow and develop both as individual players and also together as a team. The season also allowed us to be more adaptable as players as our team was a combination of Year 10 and 11s but overall this made playing together

much more exciting. Thank you to everyone for working so hard! Even though we had limited success this season, I still feel incredibly proud of the way we always pulled together as a team during some extremely challenging matches. We gradually progressed as a team throughout the season and gave 100% in every game. It was an honour to be part of the U16B squad this year and I would like to thank Mrs Stapley for her amazing coaching and encouragement.

Gracie May 11JKI

U16C NETBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Mariam Siali
Coach's Player of the Year	Ruby Sheehan
Players' Player of the Year	Ruby Sheehan
Most Improved Player	Alexandrine d'Ornhjelm

The U16C Netball team consisted of many girls in Years 10 and 11, all of whom were hardworking and committed to the sport. We regularly trained during lunchtimes, working towards a successful season in netball. However, due to the unpredictable and constantly changing weather in Dubai, many of our matches were unfortunately cancelled. Although this was quite disheartening, we continued to persevere during our training, aiming for success in the few matches we managed to play. Despite only being able to play three games, each and every one of us thoroughly enjoyed the time that we were able to play as a team whilst supporting each other. The team showed great team sportsmanship and teamwork, as well as brilliant skills and abilities on court. At the start of

the season playing as a new team was quite difficult in terms of communication, and having not known each other for very long, we quickly had to adapt and learn to collaborate, which was very rewarding in the end as we really enjoyed the matches we managed to play together.

Mariam Siali 11EJO

U18A NETBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Kitty Davies
Coach's Player of the Year	Elanor Wright
Players' Player of the Year	Kitty Davies
Most Improved Player	Chloe Russo

This netball season marks the end of the Dubai College journey for Bella, Elanor, Hannah and I so it is certainly disappointing to not have been able to finish it. However, every match we were able to play in the girls performed remarkably and we were left undefeated during the DASSA league. This achievement was definitely testament to Ms Donovan who always pushed us towards not only winning but being the best sportswomen we can possibly be. Every person in the team was responsible for our success and each offered a unique role. Georgia, Bella, Chloe and Hannah were unstoppable in the shooting circle and always fiercely contested for rebounds even

against the most intimidating defenders. Ebba, Anna, Lara and Elanor continuously kept pressure in the midcourt and committed to some of the most daring interceptions I've ever seen. My girls in defence Ava, Olivia and Sophie did some amazing flying interceptions and pressured attackers never failing to put their bodies on the line. Even though the warm-up was a struggle the girls always left everything on the court and acted with a positive team spirit. It was a privilege to play alongside these ladies and I know the Year 12s will excel during the season next year. It's hard to say goodbye to Dubai College netball considering the impact it has had on me as an individual since Year 7, but I speak with certainty that we have all developed friendships as well as skills for life from this sport and I couldn't be prouder to captain this team.

Kitty Davies 13GRO

U18B NETBALL

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Amy Mackenzie
Coach's Player of the Year	Jessica Passey
Players' Player of the Year	Amy Mackenzie
Most Improved Player	Casey Bell

This year's netball season has had its ups and downs, considering we kicked off the season with a hard-fought but ultimate loss to Jumeirah College. Nevertheless, with commitment and training we smashed out our first win against GEMS Wellington Silicon Oasis, with a legendary score of 52-6! This was thanks to an amazing effort from all the girls on the team, and the fact that we clicked brilliantly, despite most of us having not played together before. Despite not always having a full team due to mocks and entrance exams and such, we consistently put our best foot forward whoever we played, and although we didn't have the most successful season, we grew so much as a team. One match that was a highlight of the season for me was when we played Repton School at home. It was a thrilling game to watch and to play in, we were leading by 9 goals in the first quarter thanks to some flawless play and kept up this lead throughout the first half of the game. Our strength as a team, however, brought out the competitive side of Repton, as they just managed to scrape the win by one goal in the end. Despite a disappointing ending, the score was neck and neck and for me, this was one of the best games we played. I would like to say a massive thank you to Miss Clohesy for her superb coaching and her unyielding patience with us! All in

all, a fantastic season for everyone despite it being cut short, and I hope to see a lot of you next year at Past vs Present.

Amy Mackenzie 12CMO



NETBALL HPP DC1

On the whole, it's been a great season for HPP DC1. We placed 4th in the Dubai Netball League Division 1, earning ourselves the title of best school team in Dubai. In preparation for the Dubai 7s we played in the BSAK tournament, narrowly beating Jumeirah College in the final due to some excellent quick thinking by Kitty when a golden goal rule was announced during play. We had an outstanding weekend at the Dubai 7s, narrowly missing out in the Cup Final after a gruelling three days of competition from the region as well as some very well prepared South African squads.

In 2020 JC were able to reverse the BSAK tournament result at the DASSA annual tournament where we lost to them by one goal in the final and Dubai College's international tournament brought a close to our tournament schedule with an extremely exciting competition.

The day ended fittingly with us playing DC2 in the final. The game was very close and we only ended up winning by 1 goal as a strong performance was shown by the opposition, which bodes very well for next season. It's not easy to remain committed to being a HPP player in any team with two hour training sessions (followed by a club match for most girls), two strength and conditioning sessions and a 9pm match every week for 6 months, but the girls do it and with a smile on their faces.

Elanor Wright 13JBA



NETBALL HPP DC2

This year will go down as one of the most successful for a HPP DC2 team ever! Over the course of a challenging season, we have battled and overcome many obstacles, developing both as individuals and as a team. The weekly improvement was evidence that every hour of training and commitment was paying off. With players ranging from Years 10 to 13, initial hiccups were inevitable but with Miss Clohesy's guidance, we used every opportunity (including Tuesday morning training) to unite and build upon our strengths. With each fiercely competitive match, we fought tirelessly. The wins were victorious whilst the defeats bonded us in our goal: to enjoy, play and win as a cohesive team.

At the Dubai 7s tournament, on day 1 we focused on the short but intense style of play. Despite the injuries and exhaustion, we were determined to

fight even harder, winning 2 out of 3 matches on day 2, obtaining a place in the cup quarter-finals, achieving higher than any DC2 team previously and the position of 2nd in the Gulf! It has been a privilege to captain such a talented group. Throughout the tears and laughter, we have grown into a team I would call my netball family. I am so proud of you all. I wish each one of you the best of luck for the future and years of netball ahead. Lastly, I want to thank Miss Clohesy for all her hard work without which we may not have experienced success.

Nidhi Sethi 12GJE





NETBALL HPP DC3

This has been an exciting, challenging and enjoyable season for HPP DC3. At the beginning of this academic year, we were a group of individuals who had never played in a team together before. However, by the end, an end which has unfortunately been cut short, we began to find our stride as a team and gradually form one cohesive unit. Realising this progress was very rewarding and we can confidently say that every team member has come out as a stronger netballer and athlete. The evolution of our encounters with Repton School has been the biggest indicator of our progress. In September, we unfortunately experienced a narrow loss

28-26, mostly due to unforced errors. Having cleaned up our game, the next time we played Repton we won 23-19! Another highlight of the season was our match against GEMS Wellington Silicon Oasis where we won with a final score of 17-13. Even when we were behind in the second quarter, our determination and perseverance paid off, allowing us to take home the victory.

On behalf of the whole of DC3, a special thanks to our coach Miss Innes who has supported us this season, through both the highs and the lows. Also, thank you to all the amazing coaches at HPP who train us tirelessly every week. We wish all the girls the best of luck for their future in netball, whether it's at DC in the coming September or abroad!

Madilyn Allen-Paver 11EJO & Katie Mewawalla 13CHO

U18A ROUNDEERS

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Jessica Passey
Coach's Player of the Year	Georgia Allen
Coach's Highly Commended	Sophie Tillon
Players' Player of the Year	Lauren Agent
Most Improved Player	Tara Aksoy

Senior Rounders this year was extremely successful. We started off with a comfortable win against GEMS Wellington Silicon Oasis with a score of 23-2.5. We then played GEMS Wellington International School and won 12-1.5. Our third match against Dubai English Speaking College once again proved successful, at 18-7.5. In the semi-finals, we played Jumeirah College, and won with an amazing score of 27 to their 4.5. Feeling reasonably confident with our previous games, we approached our final game of the season with slight anticipation but also a sense of sadness, knowing this would be our last game together. The final game, away at Dubai British School, surprised us with a very interesting pitch layout

(some of our very strong batters managed to hit the ball over their fence and we had to station one of our fielders outside the fence in the event of a strong hit from DBS). The match started off being very close, putting us slightly on edge, but we managed to pull it back in the end, with 15.5-8.5.

Having played for the Dubai College rounders team for the past 7 years, it has been truly amazing to captain the U18A team this year. In every game, the abilities of every single team member never failed to amaze me. I would like to give a huge thank you to Miss Jones, for her amazing coaching, umpiring, and support, but most of all, making rounders so fun and exciting to look forward to every year. I hope all future rounders teams will be every bit as successful as we were this year, well done everyone!

Jessica Passey 13MDH

U18B ROUNDEERS

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Nina Mul
Coach's Player of the Year	Madilyn Allen-Paver
Players' Player of the Year	Priyanka Israni
Most Improved Player	Catherine Smyth

What a season the U18B Rounders team has had this year! Though it now seems like a distant memory, I think we can all reflect on the fun we had in term one. Although at the start we were a mix of three different year groups, by the end of our training and matches we had really gelled as a team, and managed to walk away from our rounders season undefeated, which was a huge success! I can speak for the other Year 13s in saying that this was undoubtedly both a fun and rewarding way to finish off our sporting endeavours with DC. The most exciting match I'm sure we can all remember was against The English College, Mrs Bland's old school, which was quite a tough game. We were neck-and-neck for a while, until as a team we managed to pull together some hard-core motivation and turned the tide in the final innings, managing a win by the skin of our teeth only a single rounder ahead of the opposition – but a powerful win nonetheless, allowing us to retain our undefeated title. I've never seen a group of girls so determined to win, and to do Mrs Bland proud! Rounders has always been a fantastic and exciting sport



that we've all loved to take part in at DC, but I think out of all the years I've played, this last season has undoubtedly been the most rewarding, and I hope you girls agree with me. Finally, the girls and I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Bland as our coach, for keeping us all organised and on track for our wins, and pushing us to do our best but to also enjoy ourselves. And last but not least, a thank you and a big congratulation to all the girls who played this year, and though I'm sad that I won't be there to see you smash it next year, I hope the successes of the U19B team this year can be carried forwards in future rounders seasons at DC.

Nina Mul 13GRO

U12A RUGBY

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Lucas Paschalis
Coach's Player of the Year	Kyle Ziade
Players' Player of the Year	Lucas Paschalis
Most Improved Player	Alex Duncan

My season started off quite nerve-rackingly because it was my first year at Dubai College! I was surrounded by many other talented players so I was delighted to find out I was Captain. The season started off as we thought; we had little success against the top teams but that was because it was our first couple of months playing together. As we trained three times a week during the season, I started to see an improvement in the team and myself.

After we started to gel and play as a team, there was a noticeable difference in the skill level as we played together. The DC 7s was a great moment for us as we got to a final for the first time in the season and we were all very glad to play in our home tournament final.

However, I would have to say the highlight of the

season for us would have to be defeating Jumeirah English Speaking School in a tight semi-final at the DC 10s and losing against Dubai English Speaking College in the final 2-1. We had few opportunities to win the final but that is rugby. We did sit down after the final and look back and realised that we have developed and grown so much as a team from September when we started.

Over the course of the year, as we all got to know each other better and started to form good friendships, I managed to gain the boys' respect. This gave me confidence to use my voice and encourage the boys on the pitch. Throughout this time, we managed to start winning almost all of our games and we got into the top three teams of the league. In conclusion, I would say we had a successful season and I enjoyed my experience as Captain.

It was very unfortunate that our season has been cut short, but as long as we keep fit and stay active, we will come back better and stronger. If you look at where the U19s started, they weren't winning in Year 7 but now they are 7s and league winners and unstoppable...

Lucas Paschalis 7SCW

U12B RUGBY

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Jack Clapp
Coach's Player of the Year	Luke Lavery
Players' Player of the Year	Faizan Aka
Most Improved Player	Nathan Peake

Rugby at Dubai College was one of the things I was most looking forward to before joining the school and it did not disappoint. Mr Benade developed us as a squad throughout the season, he was assisted later by the injured Jake Wade from Year 13 and Mr Day.

Our first friendly match of the season was something of a wake-up call for our squad, against a well-trained Jumeirah English Speaking School team, but as the game went on we identified areas we could improve and began to see more possession of the ball. In the end, like the season, we wish the match could have gone on longer.

In October we took part in the Dubai English Speaking College 7s, a precursor to our DC7s competition later in November. It was our first tournament as a

team, and whilst results did not go our way, we learned a lot. The half-term trip to Al Ain was a highlight of the season as it allowed us to come together as a squad and we returned from the trip as friends and teammates, positive about the upcoming DC7s. The draw was very difficult for our B team with schools' A teams like JESS, Repton School and DESC in our group but we competed really well.

Although we had a challenging first half to the season, playing 7s, from January we played 15-a-side rugby, a game that better suited the

players and their strengths, and enabled the whole squad to play.

We kicked off the New Year with a confidence-boosting win against Safa Community School, which made us look forward to our next match away against GEMS Wellington Silicon Oasis, where we secured a second 20-point margin win.

The team was beginning to play to its strengths, working hard to recover possession, keeping the ball alive and moving it wide into space as quickly as possible. We were also communicating better, learning to rely on each other,

and giving constructive feedback to each other.

We continued and when the season ended before the Spring break, we sat in joint first place in the DASSA league, with 20 points and 5 wins, having lost only once to a strong KingscSchool Al Barsha team in early February, which is unfinished business for the next school year!

Jack Clapp 7KWI



U13A RUGBY

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Alexander Roberts Mudiwa Mtemererwa
Coach's Player of the Year	Stef Van Eck
Players' Player of the Year	Jack Drew
Most Improved Player	Ryan Brimson

This year was an exciting year for us as we prepared for the Rosslyn Park 7s, but first let's talk about the 10s season. We were heading into the DC 10s as last year's champions and undefeated since Year 7. We all played our hearts out and we came so close to winning the tournament. We got challenged by Dubai English Speaking College in the group stage and, unfortunately, we didn't come out on top. We were then beaten on the blind side by DESC during a golden try in a cracking final to end our tournament.

Our 15s season was very enjoyable. We only lost one game and everyone played their very best. We beat Jumeirah English Speaking School twice and lost to DESC once. Against JESS away we started off slow, not conceding but not scoring either. We then got the better of them in the second half, playing with a bit more flair and heart. We then played against them at home when we played right from the whistle and instantly started scoring. We used our moves and played with so much pattern we knew they didn't stand a chance during the second half. Against DESC it was a very tight match. We were playing extremely well and started to slow down during the end of the second half. We started to give away penalties in dangerous areas

and eventually they scored from a penalty that they took wide in the last play of the game. Despite our losses this season, we know that we are a very talented squad and look forward to another exciting season next year.

Mudiwa Mtemererwa 8ASA

RUGBY 7S

After the long summer break the DC U13A Rugby 7s team started their season. The squad was basically the same as the previous season, however, the coaching duties were taken over by Mr Jones, big shoes to fill after such a successful season in the U12s. Unfortunately, due to the fact that the U13s age group was not included in many of the tournaments, our only tournament of the season was the DC 7s.

The team trained really hard throughout the term culminating in the DC 7s tournament on November 23rd. The team was drawn with Dubai English Speaking College U13B, Jumeirah English Speaking School U13A and Dubai Tigers RFC, and performed solidly winning all our pool games. The semi-final was a convincing victory over JESS setting up the finals against our arch rivals DESC. After a nervous start, the team rallied in the second half to eventually win the game with a golden try, much to the delight of the home crowd.

Many thanks to Mr Jones, Mr Benade and all the members of the squad for a successful and memorable season.

Alexander Roberts 8ADY



U14A RUGBY

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Nick House
Coach's Player of the Year	Nick House
Players' Player of the Year	Tarn Timmermans
Most Improved Player	Thomas Clerkin

The 2019/20 rugby season for the U14s has felt like a rollercoaster, with many ups which of course come with some downs. Thankfully, the rugby season was nearing its end before sport bans and self-isolation had started to take place. Our season contained 7s, 10s and 15s.

Preparations for the season seemed to go quite rapidly, most probably as it was so long ago. At the start of the year we gained a new head coach in Mr Thomas, helping him on the field was Mr Cottam, with Mr Benade overseeing general progress and growth within the squad. Due to Mr Thomas' acclaimed Welsh rugby past, there seemed to be a very positive buzz within the team at the start of the year (don't worry, it didn't go away). Furthermore, it was pleasant to see that all the players had a positive mind-set in our capabilities, which was a nice surprise considering we had lost a few key players at the end of last year.

Our season always starts with a trip up to Abu Dhabi and the BSAK 7s tournament, followed by the traditional stop at Burger King on the way back. Despite high belief in ourselves, many of our players commonly considered us to be underdogs this season, relating to the loss of key players. Also, it had not helped that other schools were gaining people, always pursued with rumours and hype, usually rustling many of us. Despite all of this, we cleanly destroyed our group stage fixtures, notably annihilating Dubai English Speaking College with a score too large to remember. This was extremely refreshing seeing our disheartening losses to them in a friendly pre-season match, and in a tournament of their own. Skipping a semi-final not worth mentioning, we had found ourselves in the cup final with Jumeirah English Speaking School. Our win in that game, however close, was a massive moment for all of us. My favourite part about it, was the light in everybody's eyes, knowing we had accomplished something seemingly unreachable in their minds. It's notable to mention the Year 8s who had stepped up and helped, Jack Drew, William Hosking, and Mudiwa Mtemererwa.

The DC 7s and DC 10s are the staples of what your team can produce with their best efforts. Sadly, these times were the worst for us. However, displaying some magical moments, we hadn't won either, not even reaching the finals. It's annoying knowing that on our day we could've battled it out with the two teams. Against Jumeirah English Speaking School, our mistakes were to blame. However much I would not like to say it, honestly, Dubai English Speaking College were just too aggressive for what we had planned, out rucking and generally out muscling. The main lesson from these times was to not blame anyone but us for not performing. As mentioned, this was the drop of our rollercoaster.

Finally, we had our 15s season. Sadly, its start had somewhat merged with the theme of our last disappointing chapter. Although in quite a few games we had no substitutions simply down to our limited player pool and people who were unable to show up on the day. However, our last game of the season was my personal favourite, even though we had lost, the amount of people who had stepped up and displayed their heart and eagerness was endlessly fulfilling and rewarding from a Captain's view.

The best moment from our season was a quotation from Marcos Marmarchi after winning the BSAK 7s, which in my opinion summarises us perfectly: "JESS weren't that good." The simplicity of the sentence covers a deep, almost unexplainable, meaning. A large majority of our team are usually subdued to other people's thoughts and opinions on our skills, and the skills of our rivals. Yet in the moment, with belief in ourselves and the ones standing next to us, we could honestly do anything together, regardless of the challenges ahead.

Nicholas House 9GCA



U16A RUGBY

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Jamie Annand
Coach's Player of the Year	Jamie Annand
Players' Player of the Year	Zander Visser
Most Improved Player	Sufian Al Alami

First and foremost, I would like to thank Mr Jackson and Mr Benade for being our coaches for this season. We have had some tremendous moments as an U16s Rugby team this season and that is down to Mr Jackson and Mr Benade dedicating their time to allow us to reach our potential as a squad. So, from all of us, thank you.

With high hopes for the 7s season in Term 1, we instantly targeted the DC 7s as the end goal, where we wanted to perform and showcase how we've bonded as a team. Starting with the DESC 7s in October, due to injury, we were cut short for players, and unfortunately ended up finishing 3rd in the competition. This was a definite 'eye-opener' for the standard we would need to reach in order to challenge for the DC 7s in November. As the weeks went by, our training sessions began to increase in intensity and concentration as we prepared for our biggest tournament of the year. In the group stages we started strong, going unbeaten, and beating our rivals Dubai English Speaking College, who we had previously lost to in the DESC 7s earlier in the year. We progressed confidently through the semi-finals against DESC's B team and were to meet Jumeirah English Speaking School in the final. After taking the lead in the first half, we played in a back and forth scoring game until it brought us to the last minute of the game, 5 points behind, 12-17. With a last minute try and conversion, we were crowned the DC 7s Champions – it was brilliant. Although the moment was extremely special and one that I won't forget, the team were still able to acknowledge the challenging 15s season that was approaching us.

Our first game was against JESS, away from home. This ended in a very similar fashion to the DC 7s final, where we were 22-27 down with the last play of the game, but a well-executed move allowed us to score under the posts and grab the conversion to put a positive ending to a hard fought game. A couple of weeks later, we hosted DESC at home. Unfortunately for us, we took a



defeat to a DESC side with huge squad depth to match our 15 players that could make the game - it was disappointing but there were still many positive aspects and learning points we identified to work on in preparation for the rest of the season. As we all know, the season was cut short. This came as a huge upset to the squad as we were eager to go into the 'back half' of the season with high hopes to collect some more silverware at the end of it.

Jamie Annand 11CMM

U19 RUGBY

TEAM AWARDS

Captains	Seb Snaas, George Boon & Sean O’Gorman
Coach’s Player of the Year	Seb Snaas
Players’ Player of the Year	Sean O’Gorman
Most Improved Player	Sean Cottam

The New Year brought along the 15s season, another chance to win some silverware. The transition from 7s to 15s can be a hard one and can take time to get used to a more physical and tactical game. The first game of the season was against The British School Al Khubairat, it was fair to say we had a slow start but after we scored a try in the corner, it sparked the rest of the team with the game finishing 55-0. Jumeirah English Speaking School was next on the list, from the start we knew this was going to be a physical game filled with huge hits from our forwards and slick moves from our backs, this led the final score to 40-3, a convincing win over a tough team. Finally, the local rival, Dubai English Speaking College. We were fired up and wanted to put on another performance just like we did at the Rugby Sevens. After a solid warm-up the team was ready to go. After going a try down in the early stages of the match, we bounced back as a team and played some of the best rugby I have been a part of, winning 26-7.

Next was JESS at home, and what seemed to be our last game on home turf, therefore the older boys wanted to put on a show for the crowd to enjoy and

that is just what we did beating our opponents 35-0 in a convincing win. Unfortunately, we were not able to finish the season due to the pandemic, but we ended it on a high, being top of the table of the 15s Rugby season and, so far, we have been undefeated. To the boys, it has been a pleasure playing with you these past couple of years and it is unfortunate it had to finish like this – I have been proud to captain this team and am so proud of every player that is part of this squad. A big thank you to Kris Greene for the challenging workouts keeping us in shape for the season, and finally to Mr Benade and Mr Jones for their wisdom and knowledge of the game that is one of the reasons we had a successful season.

George Boon 13JBA



U19 7s SEASON

The 7s rugby season is arguably the most highly anticipated and important sporting event of the year for schools all over the Gulf. We started preparing for the 7s season with many gruelling fitness sessions and training in the heat but always with the end goal of winning the U19 Gulf Trophy in mind. We had a large and skilful group of boys competing for positions in DC’s 7s team for the year. With the help of Roan, JP and Kris, our strength and conditioning coaches, everyone was fitter than they had ever been before.

We had a few friendly games organised with The British School Al Khubairat and Jumeirah English Speaking School but although we won, it was not as easy as everyone had thought, which reminded all the players of the high level of competition this year and the fast pace/unpredictability of a 7s match. Due to some injuries, we had not put forward our best team at the Dubai English Speaking College 7s tournament early in the season, which we sadly lost. Regardless of the fact that we did not have the strongest side on the pitch, a reoccurring theme that we wanted to instil in the squad was that we will have a team of 12 strong, interchangeable players with no stars or one-man performances. The high level of competition and skilful players in the tournament meant that we would not only have to be incredibly fit and skilful as individuals but play intelligently as a team with synchronicity and strategy.

After an enjoyable tour to Singapore that brought the team closer as a group of boys from a mixture of Years 12 and 13, we still had a lot of refining to do in our rugby before the big tournament. We continued to train hard and



eventually the squad of 12 boys was named as follows: Ben Davies, Seb Sabania, Matthew Johnstone, Eoin Mountain, Andreas Paschalis, George Boon, Sam Muller, Jamie Annand, Harry Devereux, Sean O'Gorman, Arran Shah and myself, Seb Snaas. We felt confident in our ability and had a mixture of year groups with some young talent like Jamie from Year 11, who everyone was impressed by.

The much-anticipated tournament had arrived and with an attempt at a professional carbo-loading pasta dinner the night before at George's house, we were as ready as we would ever be to take on the challenge. We were drafted in a relatively easy group consisting of Deira International School, Al Ain Amblers and Warriors who we beat with relative ease. This was helpful as it allowed the team to get rid of some of the nerves of playing at such a momentous occasion with a lot of pressure to do well.

Day 2 and an early quarter-final against Dubai Exiles was awaiting us. We had a few close friends on that team, and it was a great experience to play against them and continue towards the semi-final after a strong performance and victory. The semi-final was played on Pitch 2 which was the second most crowded and popular pitch, making it feel like a much more serious match. We had a great 1st half and beginning of the 2nd half with a lot of fluency in our playstyle and we demonstrated a strong and capable side going forward to the final. We may have felt the effects of the heat in the second half more, and we ended up having a sloppy last few minutes of play but a victory nonetheless.

The tournament was organised differently in the sense that we would have all our group matches on the first day and all the remaining matches to play on the second day, making it a two-day tournament rather than the usual three-day one. I think this played to our advantage as we were able to easily recover from each game with minimal injuries and we were one of the last games of the day, meaning that the stadium was full. We came into the tournament as somewhat under-dogs and were a dark-horse team with hidden talent compared to the favourites to win, Dubai English Speaking College. That did not faze us at all as we knew we were the better side and we loved the hype and noise of the crowd which we drew motivation from. We started the game a little disorganised and frantic, finding ourselves behind in score with a yellow card and 6 players on the pitch. We responded well with an amazing support play try from Sam who ended up running half the pitch to score. We knew this was going to be a hard game but we all embraced it and dug deep to give it all we had. We maintained possession and a stolen lineout, building a lot of





pressure against our opponents in the first half. We narrowly missed a few scoring opportunities and before we knew it was half time and the whistle sounded for the second half.

We started this half incredibly strong with two quick successive similarly scored by Matt at the fringes of the scrum and ruck. They maintained possession for several phases and managed to score another try in the corner. They hurried their conversion and attempted a quick kick-off to catch us off guard, however, Seb Sabania managed to gain possession and decided to run the entire pitch to score another try instead of kicking the ball out as it was the last play of the game. Sadly, he was stopped right at the try line of DESC and they turned over the ball. They managed to break the line and I found myself as sweeper performing an awkward backwards step salsa dance waiting for the right time to tackle the player. They knocked on the ball and after such a back and forth final we were relieved to hear the final whistle. The feeling of lifting the trophy above our heads was a huge relief and one of my proudest moments in sport. On top of that, with entering the Final as underdogs against our long-term rivals proved every second of hard work in training was worth it. I can say on behalf of the squad, this wouldn't have been possible without the dedication and commitment of both Mr Benade and Mr Jones who we are incredibly thankful to have at DC.

Seb Snaas 13MDH



U19S SINGAPORE TOUR AND DC 10S

Our annual tour is always a highlight of the rugby season for the boys, it allows the Year 12s to prove themselves and this couldn't have been more true this year. We spent many hours on the training ground and although we were clumsy to start with, partly due to the fact that training had been a bit lacklustre prior to the tour, when it came to the game days the boys were really up for it and it was great to see many of the new boys step up and compete for a spot in the Dubai 7s team. However, we lost in the final to a strong local side as we were carrying a few injuries and perhaps a bit of fatigue from the training. The tour also always facilitates the bonding of the team whether it be through rap battles at the back of the tour bus or a squad-wide pandemic of

poor haircuts. This bonding would be vital for the remainder of our training leading up to the Dubai 7s.

The DC 10s is a tournament that occurs in the middle of our 15s season and is an opportunity to determine whether the squad has completely lost their 7s fitness and also to boast any 15s 'bulking season gains' to a home crowd. More important than any of that though is that it is the last tournament for the Year 13 boys and a great opportunity to perform in front of a big home crowd. We faced Dubai English Speaking College in the group stages this year and won that game rather convincingly given that we were not performing at our best. However, when we faced DESC once more in the final, it was not the same outcome. We were up 10-5 with minutes left to play and after a few bounces of the ball went their way and one very dodgy last call, DESC had stolen the game at the death. Perhaps this was only fair since we did get to beat them in front a much greater crowd just two months earlier.

Sean O'Gorman 13SPE

UAE TOUR

After attending the UAE Rugby Trials matches the group of boys who participated were eager to hear who had made the team. George Boon, Seb Sabania, Sean O'Gorman, Harry Devereux, Jacques Holmes and Seb Snaas were the six players selected by Apollo Perelini and Mr Benade to travel to Malaysia on tour. We were all honoured to represent the UAE at an international level as although we may not be Emirati, a lot of us deem the country to be our home. It was an amazing experience to socialise with the top players from other schools, the local boys and the staff that accompanied us on the tour. We trained a few times before our matches and similar to the UAE, Singapore was incredibly hot and humid. Unfortunately for us, on both match days we experienced playing in torrential rainfall which for some of us was the first time

ever, so along with having to play on the uneven grass pitch, we had to adapt to the severe weather situation. The first game ended in a draw which put all the pressure onto the final match. We narrowly lost and were gutted to have not beaten the Malaysian team as we felt we were more skilful and capable than them. Despite the loss, I am sure that I can speak on behalf of the other five boys in saying that the friendships we made and experiences we had playing at an international level of rugby, will not be forgotten.

Seb Snaas 13MDH



U19 GIRLS' RUGBY

TEAM AWARDS

Captain	Hannah Burton
Coach's Player of the Year	Hannah Burton
Players' Player of the Year	Hannah Dawson
Most Improved Player	Emma Wade

After years of touch here at Dubai College, I can confidently say this has been the best yet! Although it took a while to get up and running, once we had a good number of girls and a dedicated coach, for the first year ever we managed to put together a league. After years of training weekly for our one tournament a year (BSAK in November) this was exciting, and matches gave us all something to train for and look forward to. With an ex-Australian touch player as our coach and a handful of UAE touch girls, our skill set soon went from what used to be 'run straight and don't stop' to countless confusing moves with even more confusing names.

It was a great opportunity for all to develop their game and it was lovely to see girls who had never played join the team and excel! The highlight of the season for me and the girls was the away game against Dubai English Speaking College, which started with a few tries from them and, while this was celebrated so fiercely by their U19 boys' squad on the side-line, we managed to pull the game our way and ended up drawing.

A big thank you goes out to Marnie Turnor, our coach, from myself and all the girls. She has shown us a new side to touch rugby this year and has made training and playing very enjoyable for all. Also, thank you to Mr Benade who has organised matches and kept us all competing and able to show off what we have learned in regular training.

Hannah Burton 13GRO

RUGBY U19 GIRLS' TOUCH RUGBY UAE

In November of 2019, I got the chance to trial for the U19 girls UAE Rugby Team and to my delight I won a spot on the team and began training to leave eight days later to Kyrgyzstan. Because of the short notice, we trained hard every day leading up to the tournament and the team and I became very close over these few days; the girls on the team have become some of my best friends. Upon leaving Dubai and having no idea of the level of rugby in the countries we were playing, everyone was apprehensive, but I was raring to go. We were in Kyrgyzstan for 4 days to play in the Open Central Asia Rugby U18s Tournament and played against three teams who we had no past experience or knowledge of, which was nerve-racking, but once we were there training and playing the nerves wore off and we began to be able to fully enjoy the new culture and get fully stuck into the rugby. We met Uzbekistan in our first pool game, playing hard and coming out on top. This was followed by our second pool match against Kazakhstan – who upheld quite a reputation – and we were beaten in the last few minutes with the final score being 22-12. Kyrgyzstan came next and gave us a good game with us coming out on top again. After a semi-final against Uzbekistan, we met Kazakhstan once again in the final. We knew it would be a hard match and playing in temperatures below 5 degrees Celsius (which was a very unfamiliar experience), we all made sure we were warm and ready to take the contact from such a physical side. Under the guidance of Coach Apollo Perelini, we took to the pitch feeling prepared and excited. Kazakhstan played well and ended up winning again, resulting in the UAE coming second in the tournament, with Kazakhstan taking the gold medal. This experience will always be one I cherish, and after playing for so long in this country, it was a privilege to be able to represent them overseas and hopefully do them proud.

Hannah Burton 13GRO



SWIMMING A SQUAD

TEAM AWARDS

Squad	U18A Swim Squad
Captains	Maria Iorini & Finn Page
Coach's Award	Gabriella Helayel
Swimmers' Swimmer Of The Year	Finn Page
Most Improved Swimmer	Jack Gravestock
Squad	U16A Swim Squad
Coach's Award	Beatrice Varley
Swimmers' Swimmer Of The Year	Thomas Haigh
Most Improved Swimmer	Massimo Vianello
Squad	U14A Swim Squad
Coach's Award	Jodie May
Swimmers' Swimmer Of The Year	Raphael Sibuet
Most Improved Swimmer	Keira Liew
Squad	U12A Swim Squad
Coach's Award	Blake Taylor
Swimmers' Swimmer Of The Year	Jade Qursha
Most Improved Swimmer	Yaseen Ayoub

The swimming season this year was the closest call to date. As a team we battled through a series of challenging galas facing off against some of Dubai's best swimmers, however, a series of unfortunate injuries and illnesses meant Team DC narrowly missed the first place spot.

We would like to express our gratitude to Miss Clohesy, Ms Hill, Mr Newman and Mrs Whittall for their unending support throughout the season; without their help we would have been unable to compete at the level we all did. Despite a rocky start at the beginning of the season where we narrowly lost by 1 point, we managed to learn and grow as a team, clinching the first place spot in the final gala of the year! As Captains we learnt everyone's strength and the best combinations in order to excel, and as swimmers, everyone learnt how to work as a team. Whether it was diving in on time during relay takeovers, or standing on poolside cheering each other on, we grew closer together as a team, a change that was reflected in our performances throughout the season.

We would also like to take this opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our swimmers in the DC community. Members of the Swimming Squad have competed at both national and international levels taking part in major events such as the World Junior Championships and Olympic Trials. These

swimmers include:

Gabriella Helayel (World Junior Championships, Lebanese Record Holder)

Natasha Whittall (British Nationals Finalist)

Anthony Whittall (British Nationals Competitor)

Jade Qursha (Irish Nationals Medalist)

Beatrice Varley (British Nationals Medalist, Qualified for Olympic Trials 2020)

Hussein Elzaafarany (Egyptian Nationals Finalist)

Gracie May (British Nationals Medalist)

Maria Iorini (Italian Nationals, Scottish Nationals Medalist)

Finn Page (British Nationals Finalist, Qualified for Olympic Trials 2020)

These swimmers competed against the best swimmers in their country and in the world with several of them winning medals too!

COVID-19 lockdown has been an especially hard time for swimmers as most of us do not have access to a pool. As a collective we would like to say thank you to the PE department for their continual support throughout this trying time. Although we will not be there next year, we look forward to hearing about how the team has grown in order to be able to reclaim the title of the Best Swimming Team in the UAE. No pressure!

Maria Iorini 13JAL & Finn Page 13CHO



This year's swimming season has been packed with excitement and suspense in equal measure, as unpredictability has always been a factor in secondary school swim galas! Some say that when they attend a gala they struggle to distinguish who comes from which school. That's not the case at our galas. Our team spirit and support for one another is wonderful and, more encouragingly, it comes naturally to us which I don't see as often in our opposition teams. This is a quality I don't think we will ever lack, no matter the final outcome. Lastly, I want to thank everyone who stepped in last minute and filled any empty spaces in the team – by stepping up you really helped us out and we appreciate that. I hope for many greater seasons ahead for the DC Swimming B Team.

Megan Parks 12ACR



SWIMMING B SQUAD

TEAM AWARDS

Squad	U18B Swim Squad
Captain	Megan Parks
Coach's Award	Emily Davidson
Swimmers' Swimmer Of The Year	Tara Malhotra
Squad	U16B Swim Squad
Coach's Award	Abi Plumtree
Swimmers' Swimmer Of The Year	Nadia Tjahyadi
Most Improved Swimmer	Jacob Woollard
Squad	U14B Swim Squad
Coach's Award	Isabel Strauss
Swimmers' Swimmer Of The Year	Hella Page
Most Improved Swimmer	Jack Drew
Squad	U12B Swim Squad
Coach's Award	Dana Shater
Swimmers' Swimmer Of The Year	Chloe Andrews
Most Improved Swimmer	Luke Lavery



TENNIS

TEAM AWARDS

Coach's Player of the Year	Aditi Prabhu
Girls Players' Player of the Year	Chiara Federico
Boys Players' Player of the Year	Tom Eley
Most Improved Player	Tom McLaughlin

U18 GIRLS' TENNIS REPORT

Serving as the Girls Tennis Captain for 2019/20 has been a privilege and an honour. I have been incredibly fortunate to work alongside talented and enthusiastic players throughout the season who have brought valour, vigour and vitality to the court. Incredible individual performances alongside strong team efforts have made this year's season the most captivating and successful one yet!

From the start of the season in October, the tennis squad was fortunate to play over 5 courts at Racket's Academy for Thursday training. The intensity and quality of our training escalated with both our junior and senior players dedicating two and a half hours of their Thursday to match play, drills and coaching sessions. Some of us also had the opportunity to play against Mr Rushworth: unfortunately, early in the season our accuracy and precision wasn't at its best, so we found an exhausted Mr Rushworth scrambling all over the court to return our balls!

The girls played their first match against Dubai English Speaking College in the first term as part of a combined boys and girls team. The match comprised of a mixture of doubles, mixed doubles and singles, resulting in a tie, 4 matches for each team. Unable to settle for a draw, Tom Eley and I took part in two single deciders, each a tie-break up to 7 points. Stress was mounting, and expectations were rising. The team's outcome was to be determined by a single player alone. The tie break was lengthy and stressful, with both sides determined to win. However, after a close tie-break the girls' team managed to scrape through with a win of 7-6.

Following our success at DESC, the Girls' Tennis team moved from strength to strength. Early in the second term, the girls comfortably won against American School of Dubai with a score of 7-1, a significant improvement from the last year where we lost miserably! A rematch against DESC at home, which we won 6-2, provided yet more success.

One of our most notable performances however was at DASSA, where after 20 hours of match play, 16 semi-finals and 9 finals, DC came out victorious as U18 Girls' Doubles and U16 Girls' Singles and Doubles Champions! These successes, however, were not easily achieved: many points demanded agility, strength and precision in ball placement, exhausting and testing our players to their physical and mental limits. Frustrations were also present, with the windy conditions affecting play and parental involvement resulting in disputes over points. Nonetheless, the DC Tennis girls powered through, producing our best DASSA outcome to date.

It has been such a pleasure to captain such a formidable team. Every single player has committed themselves (both physically and mentally) to training and has demonstrated perseverance and humility during match play. To all my teammates, thank you for your efforts and the relentless hard work you dedicated to this

year's tennis season. A massive thank you also goes to Mr Rushworth, without whom tennis at DC would be nonexistent! We are all incredibly grateful for the time you invest in this sport. Overall, I am looking forward to what the new season will hold and what opportunities will be available for the DC Tennis team!

Chiara Federico 11SGA

U18 BOYS' TENNIS REPORT

On the whole, this season has been a successful one for the Dubai College U18 Boys' Tennis team. We started off the season quite rusty, losing two matches, one to a strong American School of Dubai team, and the other to Dubai English Speaking College, both away from home. Shortly after this, we had another match against DESC which we were able to draw. This was evidence that we were improving and we just had to work a little bit harder to be able to defeat them as well as other teams.

To wrap up the season, DC competed in several DASSA tennis tournaments that involved all age categories from the U12s all the way up to the U18s. The U18 boys enjoyed lots of success in this competition as Aryaman Chawla and Pranav Nanda came out as the U18 Boys' Doubles Champions while Advay Chawla came Runner-up in the U18 Boys' Singles Competition. It has been an honour to captain the U18 team this year and it will be a season we won't forget. Even though the season was cut short, we had a lot of fun and although there is always room for improvement, we are happy with the quality of tennis we played. We look forward to playing for the team one last year next year and hope to see everyone who played this year again next year along with more new members to grow the DC tennis community. We would also like to thank Mr Rushworth for all his help throughout the year. DC Tennis wouldn't be the same without him.

Pranav Nanda 12BCH & Zeyad Salah 12MDH

CROSS COUNTRY

TEAM AWARDS

Captains	Ned Farrell & Sophie O'Keeffe
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DASSA Cross Country Team Champions Individual Podium Finishers

Isobel Charlier (2nd) Ayan Shariff (3rd) Sophie Maillet-Freixanet (3rd)

This has been another exceptional year in endurance sport across the College. I have been lucky enough to captain the boys both in the Aquathon and the Cross Country teams, and watch the depth, class and determination of the athletes from Year 7 to 13. An aquathon is a gruelling event, characterised by two parts, a swim that transitions into a run. The aerobic nature of the event requires high levels of fitness, but thanks to the emphasis our school places on health and physical activity, we have no trouble selecting a large group of capable young athletes to participate and compete at a very high standard. Furthermore, the support from the coaching staff has been immense in our success this year, despite

the lack of facilities the team still managed to offer a training session once a week to keep the athletes motivated and ready. In terms of results, the group has come out on top, by finishing first in every age group and we were titled the Aquathon Champions for 2019/20. The Cross Country did not disappoint either. Rashid School for Boys was the location for the cross country discipline, with a course that had grass, tree roots and soft sand. The distances ranged from 2km for the Year 7s to 3.2km for the seniors. In a two-race series, consisting of one individual event and one team relay, Dubai College provided some exceptional individual results. To conclude, I would like to thank the coaching staff for their time and effort throughout what has been a challenging and unpredictable year. I also want to thank the athletes who worked so hard; I hope you feel accomplished as the work has paid off.

Ned Farrell 12VHO

AQUATHON

TEAM AWARDS

Captains	Ned Farrell & Sophie O'Keeffe
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DASSA Aquathon Team Champions Individual Podium Finishers

Sophie Maillet-Freixanet (2nd) Tilly Black (3rd) Blake Taylor (1st)
Isobel Charlier (1st) Jodie May (3rd) Mark Agent (1st) Raphael Sibuet (3rd) Sophie O'Keeffe (2nd) Yahvi Shah (3rd) Lauren Agent (3rd)
Aurelien Carretta (2nd)

Our outstanding athletes this year from across all age groups can look back on an amazing season, despite it being cut a little short! Every event was overflowing with inspiring levels of effort and hard-earned successes. Neither the Aquathon nor the Cross Country is an easy feat and this year really showed DC girls rising to the challenge, with students coming together and pushing themselves to the limit.

The aquathon consists of a 150-250m swim followed by a 1.5-2km run at Rashid School for Boys and is a huge test of stamina and endurance. The transition from the swim to the run is an essential part of the race (as you can't start running until you've put on your PE kit!) and it is always filled with the supporting cheers from the other years. The cross country is a 2-3.2km run around the grounds of Rashid School for Boys, involving a section over sand, tree roots and road, as well as across the field. It's an event that truly brings out the strength and perseverance of our competitors. It is safe to say most of our cross country and aquathon athletes could draw a detailed map of Rashid school by the end of the season!

The three individual events run over the course of the year and culminate in a team relay for each age category: junior, intermediate and senior. Throughout the year the unending levels of support shown by the students for each other is inspiring,

and the team spirit is never shown more so than in that final relay, competing against the other schools for victory. Sitting on the grassy banks of Rashid school, eating maybe a little too much fruit from the Kibsons stand, and cheering on the other years as they race their hardest to the finish line is what makes this such a warm, team building event, and will make it such a fond memory for me as I leave DC this year.

I am so proud to have been your Captain, your enthusiasm and endurance has never failed to amaze me! A huge thank you to Miss Clohesy, Mr Riordan, and Mr Newman for accompanying us and organising our participation, and I wish the best for our incredible athletes next season!

Sophie O'Keeffe 13GJE

AWARDS AND RESULTS

FOUNDERS' DAY 2020

Founders' Day is one of the iconic moments in the school calendar which punctuates the summer term. For the Year 13 students it marks their last day in school before they embark on study leave, A Levels and then departure. For the Year 7-10 prize winners it is a well-earned moment of recognition for their endeavours during the course of the academic year and for everyone else it provides a mixtures of feelings. For some it is boredom – the discomfort of sitting for two hours on the aging seats in the auditorium watching everyone else get a prize, for others it is exciting – it feels like the beginning of the end of the school year with the prospect of summer travel not too far off.

Founders' Day 2020, however, was a somewhat more poignant affair. On account of COVID-19 it took place online as a Microsoft Live Event within Teams. There was no handing out of books or book vouchers, no reading out of carefully crafted citations for the prize winners, no pomp and ceremony as our governors processed to the dais at the front.

What we lost from an in-person Founders' Day, however, we gained from a Live Event. Included among our guests was Claire

Galloway, one of 14 founding pupils of Dubai College in 1978, who, thanks to C19 and the need for us to run the event online, was able to log in from half way across the world and watch. Former Headmaster Harry Deelman was also online from Thailand and peak viewing figures showed that we had 583 discrete connections, many of whom were watching as families.

When we hosted the 40th anniversary reunion two years ago it took 18 months of planning to track down and reconnect with founding Headmaster Tim Charlton, whom we then flew out to Dubai to be guest of honour at the 40th anniversary gala dinner. This year, we managed to connect with Tim on the Monday and have him hooked up to be guest speaker at the Live Event on Thursday. While nothing quite beats the pride and discomfort of an in-person Founders' Day, we did actually find plenty to celebrate and this year departing speeches from the Head Boy and Head Girl team were among the best I have ever heard in my 8 years at Dubai College. Founders' Day 2020 was definitely a triumph of substance over style.

Mr M Lambert
Headmaster

UAE National Anthem: Hannah Burton

Opening Address: Sourav Roy, Head Boy and Tia Patel, Head Girl, Oliver Duthie (Deputy) and Olivia Allen (Deputy)

Guest Speaker: Founding Headmaster Tim Charlton

Conclusion: Outgoing Head Boy/Girl: George Hosking and Emma Robertson, Outgoing Deputy Head Boy/Girl: Kaivalya Vohra and Casey Bell

The Subject Prize is awarded to a student who has demonstrated an excellent command of the subject.

SUBJECTS	YEAR 7 PRIZE WINNER	YEAR 8-10 PRIZE WINNER	YEAR 11 PRIZE WINNER
ARABIC A	Dana Shater 7SOR	Ziad Mubarak 9GCA	Maryam Al Anani 11DRI
ARABIC B	Aryav Odhrani 7KWI	Aditya Sridhar 10MYA	Alisha Ahmad 11JKI
ART	Sreya Janardhan 7AJA	Alexandra Hide 8ADY	Zeenat Javaid 11STU
BIOLOGY		Giulia Bocciardi 9CSI	Khwaish Lakhiani 11DRI
CHEMISTRY		Himakshi Shastri 9LOB	Aman Doshi 11STU
COMPUTER SCIENCE	Prakrit Mittal 7SCW	Joshua Killa 10MYA	Shrish Janarthanan 11CMM
DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY	Mateusz Wieczorek 7JCO	Maharu Gunasekara 10MWD	Athanasios Trigkonis 11STU
DRAMA	Lucas Nixon 7AJA	Charlotte Holt 8MHA	Kian Kazranian 11SGA
ECONOMICS		Amal Dhanesh 10MWD	Ashrita Ganesh 11CMM
ENGLISH	Evangeline Barton 7TSO	Rhea Puri 10MWD	Chiara Federico 11SGA
FRENCH	Raghav Jasuja 7SCW	Dylan Parekh 10LCA	Maryam Al Anani 11DRI
GEOGRAPHY	Aryav Odhrani 7KWI	Rabab Tariq 9RQU	Madilyn Allen Paver 11EJO
HISTORY	Aryav Odhrani 7KWI	Alexandrine D'Ornhjelm 10MYA	Tara Malhotra 11JKI



HPQ			Shrish Janarthanan 11CMM
ISLAMIC STUDIES A	Yaseen Ayoub 7JCO	Hussein Elzaafarany 9GCA	Maryam Al Anani 11DRI
ISLAMIC STUDIES B	Eman Ansari 7TSO	Aleeza Ahmed 8ADY	Zara Saleem 11SGA
LATIN		Sophia Arthur 10MYA	Seoyoon Lee 11STU
MATHEMATICS	Alina Abdul Kader 7ACL	Salinaa Naik 9CRI	Aman Doshi 11STU
MUSIC	Sophie Maillet-Freixanet 7JST	Xiaolin Zhang 10MYA	Chiara Federico 11SGA
PE ACADEMIC			Megan Gilbert 11DRI
PHYSICS		Pranav Sangwan 10AYO	Aman Doshi 11STU
QURAN RECITATION	Laith Mussa 7SCW	Yusuf Ahmed 8BPH	Dawud Latif 11SGA
SCIENCE	Dasuni Gunasekara 7AJA		
SPANISH	Aryav Odhrani 7KWI	Massimo Vianello 10ROD	Auxane Faye 11STU

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT PRIZES

Outstanding Contribution to the School Production

Samuel Hepworth 8MHA

Founder's Prize for the Most Promising Musician

Lavinia Skandalis 9RQU



AWARDS AND RESULTS

SPORT PRIZE

Year 7 Prize for Sport (Girls)	Chloe Andrews 7SOR
Year 7 Prize for Sport (Boys)	Blake Taylor 7JST
Year 8-10 Prize for Sport (Girls)	Yasmine Caraiscos 10MWD
Year 8-10 Prize for Sport (Boys)	Osian Thomas 10MWD
Year 11 Prize for Sport (Girls)	Lauren Agent 11EJO
Year 11 Prize for Sport (Boys)	Lorcan Fallon 11SGA

This Prize is awarded to a student who has made an outstanding contribution to the House programme.

HOUSE PRIZES

BARBAROSSA

Aritro Chatterjee 7SOR	Aritro Chatterjee 7SOR
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CHICHESTER

Matthew Campbell 10ROD	Tess Ruddell 10LCA
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COUSTEAU

Anthony Whittall 9MAB	Viha Kedia 10AYO
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HEYERDAHL

Yorgen Engmann 7JCO	Megan Wong Fatt 8BPH
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YEAR AND SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Year Prize is awarded to a student who has an exemplary attitude to school life, who has made valuable contributions to their Year group and the wider school community and who is a role-model for their peers.

YEAR 7 PRIZE

Chloe Andrews 7SOR	Yorgen Engmann 7JCO
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YEAR 8 PRIZE

Archisha Sharma 8FHU	Saivansh Chopra 8ADY
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YEAR 9 PRIZE

Jemima Barton 9CRI	Zayan Aka 9LRU
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YEAR 10 PRIZE

Viha Kedia 10AYO	Pranav Sangwan 10AYO
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YEAR 11 PRIZE

Mariam Siali 11EJO

Nikola Pandurovic 11STU

2019-2020 STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Head Girl:	Emma Robertson	Head Boy:	George Hosking
Deputy Head Girl:	Casey Bell	Deputy Head Boy:	Kaivalya Vohra

SENIOR PREFECTS

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THE CASA AWARD AND CEREMONY

The CASA (Community Action Service Award) Award is a challenge for all Year 9 students to have a go at over the course of the academic year, in order to try new things, and challenge yourself. There are 7 categories: Community Service and Responsibility, Activities, Representation, Performance and Creativity, Events, Academic and Philanthropic. You have to get 35 points in total, at least 10 of them being in Community Service.



Over this year, we have all participated in so many activities, like volunteering to help out at the Dubai Desert Classics Golf, or participating in charity events, or even competing in sports day, or playing for orchestras in the Music and Mince Pies concert. Many of us have also competed in debating or maths competitions against other schools, and often we have come back victorious!

COVID-19 has certainly made this challenge a bit harder though, especially in collecting points in Community Service, but as a year we have certainly risen to the challenge, and found many creative ways to get points (cooking for families, and creating lists of activities were some ideas) and I learned that there is always a benefit to every bad situation.

On the 23rd of June, we had the CASA Award Ceremony, and 114 of us completed this award. The ceremony was really enjoyable, with a lot of funny photos from Year 7 displayed to everyone. Jodie May, Yuchen Zhou and Kumail Nakhoda played the piano and flute for us in the intervals, while Mr Woolley called all of our names out.

All in all, The CASA Award has been a truly enjoyable experience, and the memories of the activities I have participated in will stay with me forever.

Jemima, Year 9



DESTINATION OF LEAVERS 2019

Geesue Abrichami	University of Bristol Anthropology	Annabel Clifford (2018)	University of Exeter Law with Business with professional placement
Zain Abu El Afieh	Durham University Law	Siddhant D'Souza	University of Melbourne, Australia Physics
Shemica Adenwalla	Mount Holyoake, USA Undecided	Benjamin Davidson	University of Salford Professional Sound and Video Technology
Navika Agrawal	Gap Year	Edward Davies	University of Cambridge Natural Sciences
Tara AH Zadeh	University College London Engineering and Architectural Design	Tara Desai	Gap Year
Jasmine Ahluwalia	University of Liverpool Medicine	Susan Domene Marin	University of Bristol Aerospace Engineering
Emaan Ahmed	Imperial College London Medical Biosciences	Isabella Duthie	University of Bath Politics and International Relations
Maryam Ahmed	Imperial College London Physics	Shumraze Fawad	Georgia Institute of Technology, USA Neuroscience with Public Policy
Rihana Al Nabhani	University of Birmingham International Relations	Meeran Fehmi	University of Pennsylvania, USA VIPER: Physics and Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering
Habiba Al-Khatib	Imperial College London Biochemistry	Jade Fernandes	Gap Year
Ishaan Alidina	Imperial College London Aeronautical Engineering	Arya Flischer	University of Nottingham Architecture
Malika Alidina	University of Exeter Business Economics	Marco Gabriel	University of Queensland, Australia Environmental Science
Alysha Alimohamed	University of British Columbia, Canada Psychology	Rhea Ganguli	Georgia Institute of Technology, USA Computer Science
Ishaan Arora	Northwestern University, USA Mathematics and Economics	Akshit Goel	Imperial College London Medicine
Aaron Aspinwall (2018)	Imperial College London Physics	George Gunn	Imperial College London Product Design Engineering
Chris Assimacopoulos	University of York Business and Management	Alisha Gupta	Vassar College, USA Environmental Sciences
Vishal Ayyagari	University of Melbourne, Australia Physics	Layla Haider	SOAS University of London International Relations and Arabic
Wynona Barua	Barnard College, USA English Literature and Film Studies	Francesca Hall	University of Exeter Drama
Katarina Bell	University of Leeds Languages (Spanish), Cultures and International Relations	Aleyha Hameed	University of Leeds Politics
Khalid Belselah	Military Service	Jordyn Hamilton	University of Melbourne, Australia Bachelor of Commerce
Yash Bhansali	Yale University, USA Economics, Econometrics and Applied Mathematics	Hireena Hans	University of Exeter Business and Management
Keanu Boucher	University of Exeter Business Economics	Maisie Harvey	University of Exeter Medicine
Harvey Bullock	University of Glasgow Business and Management	Hamzah Hashim	Imperial College London Physics
Jack Burrell	University of Warwick Philosophy, Politics and Economics	Ibani Hattangadi	Gap Year
Jacob Camilleri	Bartolini Flight School, Poland	Joshua Hetherington	University of Auckland, New Zealand Architecture
Alexander Cargill (2018)	Lancaster University Mechanical Engineering	Georgina Holbrook (2018)	University of Exeter Politics, Philosophy and Economics
Kara Catchpole-King	Gap Year	David Hunt	Gap Year
James Caution	University of Glasgow Civil Engineering	Sophie Ingram-Johnson	University of Edinburgh Chemistry
Daniel Chen	University College London Economics	Peter Irvine	University of Kent Biomedical Science
Oliver Chohan	University of Newcastle Environmental Science		

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Jawad Jafar	Durham University General Engineering	Sean Mountain (2018)	University of Manchester International Business, Finance and Economics
Arman Jasuja	Johns Hopkins University, USA Molecular & Cellular Biology and Physics	Tahle Mukhtar	King's College London Biomedical Sciences
Mina Jenkins (2018)	University of Edinburgh English Literature	Kimiya Najafi	University of St Andrews Economics and International Relations
Joonwoo Jeong	South Korea	Shaan Nathwani	University of Warwick Philosophy
Lauren Johnstone	University of Exeter Neuroscience with professional placement	Anise Noor	University of Manchester Law
Polly Jones	University of Birmingham Political Science and International Relations	Hannah Nurmohamed	Keele University Pharmacy
Ratan Kachwalla	University of British Columbia, Canada Psychology	Aryan Oberoi	Columbia University, USA Economics and Jazz Studies
Finlay Keegan	Gap Year	Joseph Page (2018)	Yale University, USA Undecided
Omar Khan	University of Chicago, USA Physics and Philosophy	Hannah Parry	University of Bristol Politics and International Relations
Kristian Kolandjian	Gap Year	Jaimini Patel	University of Oxford Classics
Rhea Kotecha	Queen Mary University of London Comparative Literature and Linguistics	Leila Peacock	Gap Year
Serena Lambert	University of Bristol Computer Science with Innovation	Emily Peck	University of Manchester Sport and Exercise Science
Louise Leijonberg	King's College London Medicine	Joseph Plumtree	Durham University Physics
Jasmine Liew	Loughborough University Sports and Exercise science	Thomas Plumtree	University of Bristol Computer Science
Mustafa Lone	Dartmouth College, USA Applied Mathematics	Jessica Pollock (2018)	University of Bristol Neuroscience
Jamie MacKinnon	Gap Year	Pranav Ponvannan	University of Birmingham Medicine
Anders Mahesan	University of Exeter Economics and Politics	Meiha Raja (2018)	Durham University Criminology
Hishaan Mahtani	Cornell University, USA Hospitality and Business Management	Samuel Reedy	University of Auckland, New Zealand Design and Engineering
Anoushka Malhotra	Princeton University, USA Engineering	Michael Reid	Nottingham Trent University Sports Science and Mathematics
Diya Malhotra	University of Edinburgh Illustration	Gabriella Reynolds	Cardiff University Physiotherapy
Elijah Mathew	University of California, San Diego, USA Mechanical Engineering	Holly Rhys-Maitland	City, University of London Aerospace Engineering and Management
Cameron Matthews	Princeton University, USA Operations Research & Financial Engineering	Brianne Riewer	University of Bristol Politics and International Relations
Anna Maureta	Hotel School, The Hague, The Netherlands Hospitality & Business Management	Tomos Roberts	Cardiff University Economics
Brendan McCann	University of Leeds Law	Hamilton Rogers	Oxford Brookes University Mechanical Engineering
Millie McMurray	Keele University Physiotherapy	Tamsin Rose	University of Bristol Physiological Science
Janne Meijer	Central St Martins (UAL) Fine Art Foundation	Matthew Russo	University of Southampton Politics and International Relations
Sahil Mordani	University of Nottingham Management	Mylene Sait-Rosenberg	King's College London Medicine
Naoise Morgan	University of Bristol Law and French	Jemma Shand	Cardiff University Physiotherapy
		Maryam Siddiqi	Kingston University London Architecture

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Zakir Siddiqui	University of Warwick Biomedical Science	Alberto Viel	University of Exeter Flexible Combined Honours with Year Abroad (Business with Spanish)
Lucy Skelton	Cardiff University Law		
Alexander Smyth	Queen Mary University of London Medicine	Mehek Vohra	Brown University/ Rhode Island School of Design, USA Dual Degree Programme: Cognitive Science and Graphic Design
Annabelle Style	Loughborough University Economics		
James Taylor	University of Southampton Acoustical Engineering	Sylvie Waft	Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA Mechanical Engineering
Nitya Thawani	Loughborough University Graphic Communication and Illustration	Owen Wakeham	University of Manchester International Business, Finance and Economics
Caitlin Theocharis	University of Exeter Medicine	Matthew Wane	University of Manchester Medicine
Madeline Thomson	Loughborough University Psychology with Criminology	Rebecca Wilding	Gap Year
Etienne Tillon	Leeds Beckett University Law	Benjamin Williams	Loughborough University Mechanical Engineering
Armaan Tourani	University of California, Berkeley, USA Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	Alizeh Yahya	Yale University, USA History and Political Science
Kasia Truscott	(2020) University of Cambridge English	Lara Zaveri	University of California, Los Angeles, USA Economics
Simrin Vaswani	SOAS University of London International Relations and History	Eman Zeeshan	Gap Year
Sasha Verrall	University of Exeter Medicine	Alma Zickerman	King's College London Economics and Management

EXAMINATION RESULTS

GCSE			ADVANCED LEVEL	
2014	No. of Candidates	159	No. of Candidates	106
	A* to A passes	84.03%	A* to A passes	62.90%
	A to C passes	99.23%	A to E passes	99.42%
2015	No. of Candidates	116	No. of Candidates	108
	A* to A passes	80.9%	A* to A passes	68.40%
	A to C passes	99.80%	A to E passes	100%
2016	No. of Candidates	239	No. of Candidates	123
	A* to A passes	82.1%	A* to A passes	66.10%
	A to C passes	99.90%	A to E passes	100%
2017	No. of Candidates	245	No. of Candidates	123
	A* to A passes (9 to 7)	85.4%	A* to A passes	60.30%
	A to C passes (9 to 4)	99.40%	A to E passes	99.8%
2018	No. of Candidates	245	No. of Candidates	123
	A* to A passes (9 to 7)	88.17%	A* to A passes	59.90%
	A to C passes (9 to 4)	99.67%	A to E passes	100%
2019	No. of Candidates	247	No. of Candidates	131
	A* to A passes (9 to 7)	90.31%	A* to A passes	60.65%
	A* to C passes (9 to 4)	100%	A* to E passes	100%

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