



We had a fantastic first term this year with a lot of exciting events happening. Here is a roundup.



During the After School Activity, students in the Art Club were introduced to a new medium each week



We celebrated the European Day of Languages with a bake-off and a Spanish Spelling Bee.



Tuck Shop Café opened a Parent and Staff Café and an Expresso Cart.



At the Year 7 Disco, the students were greeted by a decorative cabaret created by sixth formers. Ryan and Khalid were awarded their prizes along with the best dressed prizes being awarded to Daniel and Iva.



We wore yellow for World Mental Health Day, the overall objective was to raise awareness of mental health issues around the world and mobilise efforts in support of mental health.



Year 9 pupils went on the annual trip to Ras Al Khaimah (RAK) to an activity centre run near Jebel Jais. The pupils completed different challenges and activities.



30 Drama and Theatre Studies A Level, GCSE and Year 9 MAGT students were invited to the Dubai Opera to enjoy a new musical based on the Oscar winning film, Ghost The Musical.



At the WSO Battle of the Bands. Luka, Archie, Vikeesh, Viktor and Louis, the Year 10 students, did themselves proud with a fantastic performance. A special congratulations goes to Luka Kalojera who won the overall best singer prize.



We welcomed 32 representatives from universities in the UK, Europe, Canada and Australia. This event was open to years 11,12 and 13 to help support them in making decisions about their futures.



Rehan Sengupta, Maria Lawton, and Lara Pearson took part in the Which School Advisor's Young Musician of the Year Award 2018.



Tianna Desouza, Magdeline Dunn and Maddison Ten Bohmer from Year 11 GCSE music class performed at 'The Fest', they sounded great. They also performed in The English College's GCSE Recital Concert.



The Remembrance Day assembly was poignant and sentimental. Students' performances were spectacular. Staff and parents contributed to the impressive Wave of Poppies. "We shall never Forget."



We celebrated the 47th UAE National Day with an afternoon of activities. Our collective body of staff, parents and students worked together and demonstrated our strong sense of community.



A group of our Year 8 students attended the Dubai Maths Super League at JESS. Our two teams came 9th and 10th out of 34 teams, which is amazing!



Year 11's Most Gifted and Talented Mathematicians finished in 15th and 23rd place out of 30 teams at the Dubai Maths Super League in Dubai College. Well done!



On Interprise Day all form groups set up a business and competed in the innovation challenge. The winner was 11B, Miss Davidson's form, who won the overall prize, a class trip to IMG World.



James Blocksidge (Head of Geography), Summer Spendlove (Year 9) and Sofia Palmos (Year 8) competed in the UAE National Ski Championship. James won the bronze medal for Men's Slalom and 4th for Giant Slalom. Summer won the bronze medal for U16 Girls.



Robotics Club started on December 4th and will take place every Tuesday after school from 15:30pm to 16:30pm in Room 9. Students get to build and learn to program robots to do all sorts.



The amphitheatre was transformed into the setting of Shakespeare's The Tempest. The cast showed fantastic talent and it was a truly magical show.



Our KS3 students won the Golden Bunsen Burner trophy at the Dubai Schools Science Super League. Our KS4 team competed and won one of three events and were a credit to the school.



The students' choir, led by Mark Glover, performed at the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in Media Rotana. And a group of vocals, choir, ensembles and bands performed at The English College's Winter Concert.



Students and teachers participated at the Sports Day hosted at The Swiss Scientific School. The overall winner of the competition between the schools' houses was Kestrel.

International Olympiads Success

Our students made us very proud at the International Olympiads:

- Menna Abdelwahab** #1 in the UAE for Science
- Vanessa Oluoch** #1 in the UAE for Biology
- Georgia Antoce #3 in the UAE for Maths
- Maher Bhagchandani** #4 in the UAE for Biology
- Praashna Patel** #4 in the UAE for Biology
- E Jane Loo** #4 in the UAE for Maths
- E Raine Loo** #5 in the UAE for Maths
- Amani Saleh** #5 in the UAE for Biology

We congratulate them all on their outstanding national performances.

Build Update

In the new Sports Block and Utility Block, the contractor has completed the mobilisation and excavation works at site and is currently preparing the foundations ready for the initial concrete pour for mid/late December. Following this, preparation for pouring the concrete of the Ground Floor slab will commence.

In the new Academic Block, the contractor has continued the excavation work and has commenced the dewatering activities, all of which remain ongoing. The shoring works around the perimeter of the site are now completed and the contractor is now making preparations for the foundation construction.

What's happening in January

- Jan 6** All students back in school
- Jan 6-14** Year 11 -13 Mock Examinations
- Jan 15** Islamic Trip - Ro'yati Family Society
- Jan 20-22** A Level Geography Field Trip
- Jan 23** Year 11 Parents Evening
- Jan 27** Staff Inset Day
(school is closed to students)