



*"We are pleased to announce that the KHDA has rated The English College as 'Good' with improvements in many areas. We have sustained our rating as expected, despite the changes due to the merger. We are also happy to announce that the school has received its new trade license; the Primary school is now legally part of The English College and we are officially an all-through school." Sir Greg Martin, Principal*

- Year 4 students sketched in the style of the Russian artist Kandinsky and also sketched Simba for our Lion King production.
- Secondary students, staff and parents enjoyed their International Day. The teachers challenged the Year 13 students in a football game and won 3-2. Japan, Palestine and Russia teams won.
- Primary students, staff and parents also celebrated International Day by wearing their countries' national dress or flag colours. There were parades, class performances, countries stalls with food sampling and activity stations. Such a multicultural community event!
- Year 8 students enjoyed their residential trip to Ras Al Khaimah (RAK).
- Year 6 students created pop art drawings inspired by pop artist Roy Lichtenstein.
- Year 10 students completed their first live performance in the style of Bertolt Brecht as part of GCSE Drama. They displayed independence, teamwork and professionalism.
- Students were taken to a 'very important date' on-board the historic QE2 to watch Alice, an adaptation of the Lewis Carroll favourite. Our exam students even got to go backstage and work behind the scenes.
- Year 12 students attended a workshop by Ms Alex Snee. The topic was 'Careers you may have not thought about' and the session covered the globe's fastest growing service economy.
- The whole school celebrated World Book Day. Students designed a book-inspired cake and were judged; the winner was Heidi in Year 5 who made the impressive poison and apple cake.
- Camps International spoke to our Year 7, 8 and 9 students to launch the 8-day expedition community project trip to Kenya to take place in January 2020.
- Representatives from Finsbury Associates delivered a Finance Workshop to the Year 13 Moral Education students who were asked to look at their management of personal finances.
- Year 11 geographers went out on the field, conducted fieldwork and collected data in Downtown Dubai.
- Summer Spendlove has won UAE Athlete of the Year for Snowsports and is now ranked 5th in GB and 3rd in England.
- The Junior debate team made of Rebecca Naisbitt, Aneeqa Begum and Diya Praveen won the debate.
- The Science Learning Consultants have been working to refine and enhance their skills in leadership, organisation, resilience, initiative and communication.
- Two groups of extremely talented Mathematicians from Year 7 took part in the Dubai Maths Super League and finished 4th and 8th out of 32.
- Our students organised a bake sale with proceeds going towards Hope AMC, a charity which aims to help kids with disabilities reach their full potential.
- In three different U15 Girls Rounders games Trisha Kapil, Martha and Jessica were all awarded 'Player of the Match'.
- Students participated in the Tedx Youth and talked about "Beyond the Conversation"
- Ross MacDonald won the UAE Athlete of the year for athletics. He won a gold medal for 200m and 400m at the DASSA Championships and holds the Dubai Schools record for U16 400m.
- At the DAPSA Athletics Championships. Tyger DeGoeder won a Silver medal in the Under 10 boys Javelin and Jack Tulley won the Gold medal in the Under 8 boys 300 meters.
- Year 1-6 students took part in their annual swimming gala. Asser in Year 4 and Michael in Year 6 both won all three of their events. Michael was the official sprint champion of 2019 with the fastest timed length in the school.
- Year 13 students had their Prom at the Palace Downtown. The students and staff enjoyed a very glamorous evening, with speeches, awards, video presentations, good food and good music.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

For more details, pictures and videos of April's highlights, please check our social media accounts.

▶ Visit our [YouTube channel](#) to view these new videos:

- Primary International Day
- Primary International Day Parade
- Secondary Student Leadership
- The English College's Vision and Mission
- Careers Talk
- World Book Day

## WEBSITE

• **Blog:** Please click on this link to [Meet our PE teacher for Primary: Barry Chaters](#).

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

MILESTONE	DATE
Completion of Basement Raft	It was completed on 20th April 2019.
Completion of Ground Floor Slab	It is currently in progress and on target for 30th June 2019.
Completion of Structure	30th November 2019
Completion of Façade	31st January 2020
Completion	30th April 2020

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MAY

DATE	GROUP	EVENT
May 1	Y11	GCSE Art Exam
May 1	Y1-Y6	"The Lion King" School Production
May 2	Y7-Y13	Prank Day
May 2	Y7-Y10	Swimming Gala
May 5	Whole School	Ramadan Timing Begins
May 5	Y8	Platinum Heritage Trip
May 5	Y6-Y7	Puberty Talk (separate for boys and girls)
May 5-6	Y12	AS Art Exam
May 5-7	Y13	A2 Art Exam
May 7	Y11-Y13	External Exams Begin
May 9	Y11-Y13	Study Leave
May 14	Primary	Parents Meeting
May 26	Y11-Y13	Art Exhibition
May 27	Secondary	Dubai Science League

