



SECONDARY PARENTS' WEEKLY SHEET

Curriculum News: We hope that the following gives a flavour of some of this week's studying:

Arabic Non Native: Year 7 consolidated their understanding of talking and writing about time; Year 8 focused on the four seasons and talking and writing about these; Year 9 studied daily routines and also careers in service industries.

Art & DT: students continued with their 'My Al Ain' project this week in preparation for an exhibition of their work. Year 7 have been looking at Mosques for inspiration and transferring their drawn studies onto polystyrene to make a creative print. Pupils have combined their prints and worked together to produce a landscape of prints. Year 8 also looked at Mosques for inspiration by creating colourful etchings. Year 9 have developed the theme 'looking through' and produced charcoal studies of Arabic doorways onto tea stained paper.

English & Drama: Yr 7 have been learning about Norway as a holiday destination for Roald Dahl's family. They will then write about Al Ain as a tourist destination. Additionally, they have been consolidating their understanding of reportage by reporting on a sensational story. Yr 8 learnt about tabloid and broadsheet newspapers and have reported on Act 1 Scene 1 of 'Romeo and Juliet' using sensationalised language. Year 9 learnt focused on both written and verbal language and appropriateness of form; they discussed a range of ethics in relation to the set text: 'The Lastling' and people's approaches to endangered species. Formal assessment on presentations take place next week.

Geography: This week KS3 students have been using Purple Pen computer orienteering mapping software to create a Treasure Hunt around the school campus. Next week – they will be looking for the hidden treasure!

History: Year 7 have been looking at what life was like in a medieval village and the various people and places one would find there. Year 8 have been continuing their work on Renaissance scientists, examining the discoveries of Copernicus, Kepler and Galileo and the methods they used. Year 9 have began their study of the Russian Revolution and its causes.

Computing: Yr7 - After spending last lesson taking digital images, the students are now in the process of creating their very own Macbeth themed comic books in Microsoft PowerPoint. Yr8 - We are in the final stages concerning our current project - 'do aliens exist'. The students have been concentrating on pulling together all of their work so far - primary and secondary research, images, graphs etc. to create a three fold brochure to put across their own views on the subject. Yr9 - This weeks lesson was spent creating the first page of their 'Garda Travel' brochure on a popular tourist destination in Italy - Lake Garda. Using Microsoft Publisher, the students have started to make use of all of the research that they have conducted on the subject by compiling a brochure to persuade families to visit the location.

Islamic Studies: Non Native - Yr 7 learned about the prophets and they recited and memorised by heart certain ayaat; Yr 8 continued learning about The Great Hadith of Jibreel, The Holy Spirit; Yr 9 learned about death and how we might cope with it in Islam during certain dua'a. **Native** – Yr 7 memorised Hadith that was concerned with the care of orphans; Yr 8 focused on Hadith; Year 9 continued studying the conditions of good advice.

Maths: Year 9 have been progressing with their topic of Pythagoras' Theorem and Trigonometry. Year 7 Aloe have been looking at factors and multiples, whilst year 8 Jasmine are plotting straight line graphs. 7 Cinnamon have been furthering their knowledge concerning algebra by exploring the expansion of brackets and the use simplification methods. Year 8 Orchid continue with their current unit of work involving number, the group has been looking at the relationship between ratio and proportion and have also conducted work on percentage changes. All students are continuing with their homework using the my maths website and they are enjoying the trial on the Manga High website, where they get the opportunity to compete with each other and other schools to gain Maths points and medals!

Social Studies: Native students have been revising this week in preparation for an assessment next week.

NB: SECONDARY RESIDENTIAL TAKES PLACE NEXT WEEKEND for a number of students . . .

WEAR IT PINK DAY! A huge thank you all who contributed to the Wear It Pink Day, but especially to the Secondary Senate and students who organised collections, baked cakes and cupcakes, made ribbons and posters . . .



Dates for the Diary:

AAIS Secondary Arabic PIMs - Native 5 pm & non Native 6 pm Tuesday 4th November.

GOLF: Congratulations to all who played for our Golf Team – 1st Place to Al Ain International!

Football: Well done to all who represented the school at the football tournament in Abu Dhabi. Our Year 8 and 9 boys took FIRST PLACE! Zoo Study Visit – Year 9: as part of their English and Science studies, Year 9 went to Al Ain Zoo this week. Many commented on their excellent behaviour and attitudes to learning. Thank you Year 9 and the staff involved.

