

From : The Headmaster

To : Parents, Teachers and Students of DBS

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Please note the following:

1. <u>Speech Day</u>: Speech Day was held successfully on 9 February 2018. A big thank you to all who were present and gave support. The day greatly honoured the graduating class, prize winners and scholars for their efforts and achievements. We are especially grateful for teachers, prefects, scouts and musicians for ensuring that the event ran smoothly.

- 2. 國內和台灣的升學輔導: 國內和台灣的各所大學已開始接受入學申請。「內地部分高校 免試招收香港學生計劃」及台灣「聯合分發」的截止申請日期分別為 3 月 20 日和 3 月 24 日。凡有興趣申請的同學,可聯絡勞嘉琳老師、馬太初老師或鄭國坤老師。校方會 為每位申請同學提供個別的升學和選校輔導。
- 3. G7, 8 & 9 English Mid-term Test: The G7 test will be held on 13 April and the G8 and 9 test will be held on 9 April. It is worth 10% of the total English mark. Any absences without prior notice will result in zero marks.
- **4.** Reading Club Book Drive: We would like to request donations of new or used reading books from students, parents and Old Boys. We welcome fiction and non-fiction readers for youth and adults. Books written in other languages are also welcome, but no textbooks! Please drop them off in the marked boxes in the Library or SIP Staff Room before July. Thanks for your support!
- **5.** G7 Lunch New Arrangement: In response to parents' requests, G7 students (except boarders) will not be required to stay on campus for lunch, effective from April 2018. Correspondingly, no monthly lunchbox order will be required. Parents should remind their sons to take care when going off campus and be punctual to afternoon roll call.

The School, working closely with the PTA, will continue to monitor and evaluate the new arrangement.

6. Be Vigilant towards Outbreaks of Communicable Diseases: High seasonal influenza activities are especially common in March and April. We hope all parents can be vigilant and take prompt measures for their sons if they are infected by influenza or other communicable diseases. They should take sufficient rest, maintain good personal hygiene and monitor their body temperature closely. A temperature record sheet can be downloaded from the school website. If they develop influenza-like symptoms such as a fever, sore throat, cough, diarrhea and vomiting, consult a doctor immediately. Students with symptoms of a fever or respiratory tract infection are strongly advised not to attend school until 48 hours after the fever has subsided. They can obtain a mask from the School Nurse or the General Office if needed.



7. HKDSE Examinations 2018: As public exams will be conducted in the School Hall on 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 23 April and 3 May, the School Hall and the corridors beside it will be out of bounds. Boys heading to the General Office should use the staircases beside George She Christian Centre or SR11A. G9T and G10T will be relocated to other classrooms on 10 April and the details will be released presently. Please maintain a quiet environment for the exam candidates. They have been reminded to come to our school via Prince Edward Road West; you should arrive earlier than usual to avoid heavier traffic along the School Drive and footpath.

<u>Territory-wide System Assessment (TSA) 2018</u>: The Secondary 3 Chinese and English TSA Oral Assessments will be conducted on Tuesday, 24 April 2018 from 8:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. G9 students will be randomly selected to be assessed by HKEAA officials and are asked to co-operate.

Reminder - Second Information Session on the HKDSE Curriculum and G10 Streaming for 2018/2019: The Second Information Session for G9 students and parents will be held at 11:35 a.m. on Wednesday, 14 March 2018 in the School Hall. Further information on the selection of elective subjects, admission statistics and entrance requirements for local universities. The HKDSE curriculum structure for G10 will be disclosed. Moreover, the arrangements for streaming in G10 classes taking the HKDSE curriculum will be announced. No parking is available and parents are strongly advised to use public transport.

<u>G10-G12 OLE Record</u>: The School has arranged structured programmes and activities within school hours such as PE and Music lessons, Morning Assembly, Activity Periods, Sports Day and the Swimming Gala to help students meet OLE requirements. In addition, students are encouraged to participate in other non-structured programmes and activities organised by the School beyond school hours.

Records of participation in School programmes and activities will be transferred automatically and regularly from the Extra-curricular Activities Record System (EARS) to the participants' i-portfolio on eClass (a platform for recording OLE). Students should log in periodically to check their OLE record and report any discrepancies to the School at the end of the academic year.

Students should meet OLE requirements before December of their G12 year so the School can submit all the records in the following month.

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