



**From** : **The Headmaster**  
**To** : **Parents, Teachers and Students of DBS**  
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**Please note the following:**

1. **DBS Mentoring Scheme for G11 and G12 Boys**: Career planning is an ongoing process through which young people gain a better understanding of their interests, personality, family, school, community and world and helps them choose their careers and lifestyle. The Careers Office Mentoring Scheme is a great opportunity for students to expand their network and further their personal and professional development. Student mentees will be matched with Old Boy mentors who support, encourage and help them determine the right path for their career aspirations and advise them throughout their academic journeys.

A briefing session for G11 boys will be held on Tuesday, 9 October. Interested students can submit their registration online. G12 boys who did not register last year are also welcome. The registration deadline is Friday, 26 October. For details, please visit the Careers Office webpage or contact Mrs. Jenny Tso at 2768 5611 or Ms. Sharon Chan at 2768 5698.

2. **G10 and G11 English Mid-term Tests**: The captioned tests based on Paper 1 Reading and other taught items (for G10) will be held on the following days:

G10 – Period 4 on Wednesday, 24 October  
G11 – Period 4 on Wednesday, 7 November

The time allocated will be 40 minutes. No make-up tests will be given. *The Vocabulary Section will be done as a quiz in class within the same week of the respective tests.*

3. **Senior English Oral Assessments and Exams**: The captioned tests will be held on the following dates:

G10 Oral Exam: after school on Thursday, 29 November, 2018  
G10 Summative Oral Assessment: in class from 29 October - 9 November, 2018  
G11 Summative Oral Assessment: in class from 13-26 November, 2018  
G11 Oral Exam: after school on Tuesday, 28 May 2019  
G12 Oral Exam: after school on Tuesday, 22 January 2019

4. **P.T.A. Inauguration Ceremony**: The P.T.A. Inauguration Ceremony will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, 13 October in the School Hall. Afterwards, parents can meet their sons' Class Teachers in their respective classrooms and speak with other subject teachers, the Deans or the Headmaster if necessary.

5. **Inter-School Swimming Competition**

**Day One**: The first day of the Inter-School Swimming Competition is Friday, 19 October. Swimmers and officials must attend the events at the Kowloon Park Swimming Pool. Prefects will be excused from classes to cheer for our swimming team there and must report to the teachers on duty at 8:05 a.m.

**Finals**: The Inter-School Swimming Competition Finals will be held on Friday, 26 October at the Kowloon Park Swimming Pool. Prefects will be excused from classes to cheer for our swimming team there and must report to the teachers on duty at 8:05 a.m.

6. **Fete Lunch 2018**: You are cordially invited to the Garden Fete 2018 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, 11 November. Your support to the School is greatly appreciated. The Diocesan Boys' School Parent-Teacher Association Limited will serve a Fete Lunch. Should you be interested, please make cheques payable to 'DBSPTA Ltd' for a sum of \$220 per head and address all gifts and donations to **Ms. M.C. Chan of the School Library**.
7. **Influenza Vaccination**: Vaccination for parents and students will be provided from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 22 November in the School Hall. Details will be disclosed via parents' eClass account.

8. **Inter-House Swimming Finals 2018:** Three individual records were broken in the A Grade. Record breaker was Ng Cheuk Yin (Goodban). Ng Cheuk Yin (Goodban) and So Tsz Kin David (Sykes) won the A and C Individual Championships respectively while Chan Tsz Chiu (Goodban) and Lee Shing Yan (Arthur) shared the B Grade title. Goodban House won the Medley Relay with the time of 1:52.78.

Piercy House and Arthur House captured the A and B Grade titles respectively. Helped by a strong team in C Grade, Sargent House won the Overall title. We congratulate all recorders breakers and winners.

Thanks should be given to our Timing Squad, Scouts, Sports Injuries & First Aid Squad and staff for their hard work for the smooth running of this year's Swimming Gala.

9. **The S.J. Lowcock Foundation Scholarship:** This Scholarship enables our economically-disadvantaged students to continue with their tertiary education locally or overseas. Application forms can be obtained from the Dean of Students and the deadline for application is the end of April 2019.
10. **The Jacland Lai Foundation Scholarship:** This Scholarship helps musically-gifted students or Old Boys to advance their musical achievement. Application forms can be obtained from the Dean of Students and the deadline for application is the end of April 2019.
11. **The George She Foundation Fund Award:** This Award aims to provide financial assistance to students of DBS to pursue their interest or advance their performance in extracurricular activities, in particular in the areas of sports and music. Application forms can be obtained from the Dean of Students and the deadline for application is the end of April 2019.
12. **The Terence Chang Award:** This Award is for deserving current boys who have shown outstanding achievement in their academic or creative pursuits. Awards shall be given out to students in both lower (G8 – G9) and upper (G11 – G12) grades. Application forms can be obtained from the Dean of Students and the deadline for application is the end of April 2019.
13. **The Terence Chang Foundation:** To encourage students to engage in more independent research under the guidance of teachers, the Terence Chang Foundation will award students a maximum of HK\$100,000 per annum for self-initiated project learning. Individual students working on their own projects can receive awards of up to HK\$10,000, while collaborating students can receive between \$20,000 and \$50,000, depending on the nature of their project. The money awarded must be used exclusively for the actualisation of the projects.

Application forms are obtainable in September from the Headmaster's Office. The deadline is the first Friday of January 2019. Results of the application will be announced in February 2019, and the awardees must complete their projects by the first Friday of September 2019. Detailed rules and regulations are provided on the application form.

14. **Spirit of DBS Award:** Grade 11 and 12 students can apply for the Spirit of DBS Award. The two winners will take part in a two- to three-week overseas summer programme which emphasises learning through "out-of-class" experiences. Students will be given an opportunity to participate in events beyond academic fields, such as cultural, sports and political events. Students can choose their own programmes of interest as long as they can fulfill the above criteria and receive the approval of the Headmaster. Alternatively, they can join a tailor-made programme by Old Boys and live with the families of Old Boys whilst participating in the programme. The Award aims to help develop future leaders through enriching experiences.

The Award fully covers all expenses and spending money for this programme, equivalent to HK\$25,000 per student. Application forms can be obtained from the Dean of Students and the deadline for application is the end of February 2019.



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