



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

1. **Easter Holidays:** The holidays begin on Wednesday, 17 April 2019 and school resumes on Monday, 29 April 2019. The Easter Service takes place at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 16 April 2019 and the special timetable for the day is as follows:

08:05 – 08:10 a.m.	Roll call
08:10 – 09:00 a.m.	Period 1
09:00 – 09:50 a.m.	Period 2
09:50 – 10:10 a.m.	Recess
10:10 – 11:00 a.m.	Period 3
11:00 – 12:30 p.m.	Easter Service
12:30 p.m.	Dismissal

2. **Grades 7, 8 and 9 Final English Oral Examinations:** The Final English Oral Examinations for Grades 7, 8 and 9 will be held after school on 6, 9 and 15 May respectively. Students who fail to attend the exams will receive no mark.
3. **G11 English SBA (CORE section-Crime Film):** 6 to 17 May
G10 English TRIAL SBA: 20 to 31 May

The SBA assessments for G10 and G11 will be conducted during class time and will be based on a Group Interaction (GI). A list of questions will be released to students closer to the date.

The G11 SBA will be based on a non-fiction crime movie selected for the class.
The G10 SBA will be based on “Catching Fire,” “Divergent” and/or “1984.”

Students are strongly advised to **take the SBA very seriously. Absentees risk getting a zero.**

4. **May Activities of Clubs and Societies**

Club/Society	Activities organised	Venue
Art Society	Ceramics course	Art Room
Astronomy Club	Documentary screening	Lecture Hall
Bridge Club	Weekly meetings	SR 7
Chess Club	Weekly meetings	SR 3
Economics Club	Tutorial class	To be announced
Japanese Culture Club	Japanese class	To be announced
Learners' Fraternity	Aristotle Cup (Heats)	Lecture Hall
Meteorological & Geog. Society	Map reading workshop	Geography Room
Rope Skipping Team	Preparation for competition	Lecture Hall
武術聯會	週會	SIP



5. **The 71st Hong Kong Schools Music Festival**: DBS Musicians completed an outstanding campaign at this year's festival.

Instrumental Championships

Symphony Orchestra – Senior

Wind Orchestra – Senior

Piano Ensemble

Woodwind Ensemble – Senior

Choral Championships

Senior Choir – Chinese

Senior Mixed Choir – Foreign Language

Intermediate Choir – Foreign Language

Intermediate Choir – Chinese

Treble Choir – Foreign Language

Treble Choir – Chinese

The Best Secondary School Mixed Choir: Senior Mixed Choir (with Diocesan Girls' School)

Congratulations to our students who displayed true dedication, fine solidarity and outstanding musicianship throughout the festival.

「第七十一屆香港學校音樂節中樂比賽」成績匯報：本校國樂會於是次比賽成績如下：

個人比賽項目	5 冠、5 亞、6 季
團體比賽項目	「二胡小組」冠軍、 「高級組中樂樂隊」亞軍

拔萃國樂會定必在來年音樂節中繼續全力以赴，精益求精。

My heartfelt thanks to all the teachers, staff, workers, old boys, parents and students who have given so much of their time and effort to each other and for the School. Together we have turned “March Madness” into “Miraculous March!” Again, my deepest gratitude for this magnificent display of unity.



6. **Inter-School Athletics Competition 2018-19:** Team training started in mid-August and took place every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from September onwards after school. Our boys worked very hard and trained very well.

Boys were encouraged to take part in the South China Inter-school Athletics Competition held in late November 2018.

Training continued during the school holidays. We undertook five training sessions during the Christmas holidays in lieu of the training camp that couldn't be held again due to difficulties in accommodation. In addition, we held three training sessions during the Lunar New Year holidays. Over 40 boys attended each training session to prepare for the competition which took place at the end of February 2019.

The Inter-School Athletics Competition this year was intense. Unfortunate for us, two key sprinters of our C grade team were injured early on in Day One of the competition. One of them pulled his hamstring during the last 20m of his 100m heat in the morning. He was thus unable to take part in the 200m in the afternoon. The other sprinter also pulled his hamstring after completing his 200m heat. He had previously run the 400m heats in the morning. As a result, we would only qualify with one sprinter each for the 100 and 400m C Grade finals and none for 200m. Despite this setback, we remained ahead of our opponents on points through Days 1 and 2. However, we had to work for every additional point in every event in order to keep our leading position.

Throughout the competition, our boys showed confidence and the determination to win. During the competition, we set 51 personal bests, 15 of them were in A Grade, 21 in B Grade and 15 in C Grade. Furthermore, we captured 8 gold medals, 8 silver medals and 9 bronze medals out of 43 events.

At the end of the competition, we captured the A and B Grades championships and came second in C Grade and the overall championship. Even though we ultimately came second overall, we were impressed by the boys' fiery spirit and indomitable hearts to win. They are worthy of our praise and should pride themselves with the results achieved.

Special thanks must be given to my colleagues, Mr. P. Cheng, Mr. Hui Wai Hei, Ricky and Mr. Ho Mau Wang for their hard work; our school captains, Mr. Lin Long Kau and Mr. Chan Ho Wa Alex for their wholehearted dedication; and all coaches and athletes for their wholehearted dedication. Their diligence is much appreciated, and we will continue to do our best in the coming years.

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