



**From : Headmaster**  
**To : All Parents and Students of DBS**  
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Please note the following:

- A. **Uniform Policy:** In keeping with a long tradition of excellence, all students are expected to proudly wear proper school uniform and meet the requirements of the school's uniform policy. We value the positive impression it creates in the close community and the opportunity it provides to build brotherhood and school spirit. A school uniform also helps to create a better learning environment by promoting self-discipline and minimising distraction. In order to nurture the sense of pride, belonging and equality of students, the School will implement the uniform policy once school resumes after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and the grace period will end on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020. Follow-up action will be taken by the Discipline Committee and Student Guidance Team for violations of the policy. For details, please read the policy from the school website.
- B. **Mobile Phone Policy:** It is the aim of our School to provide an effective and comprehensive learning environment for all students and support them in holistic growth to reach their full potential. It is important for students to understand the appropriate use of phones on campus. The School implemented the mobile phone policy to help students develop self-discipline in using mobile phones. Follow-up action will be taken by the Discipline Committee and Student Guidance Team for violations of the mobile phone policy. The full policy is available from the school website.
- C. **Attendance Policy:** The School implemented the attendance policy to help students develop regular attendance habits and thereby support their holistic growth and reach their full potential. Absentees without a valid reason will receive an adjustment in the maximum conduct grade on the mid-year and final report cards. Follow-up action will be taken by the Discipline Committee and Student Guidance Team for serious violations of the attendance policy. The full policy can be found via the school website.
- D. **SMS:** With the adoption of the Short Message System (SMS), urgent information will be dispatched directly to parents' mobile phones.
- E. **Special Arrangements in Internal Assessments:** For year-round special arrangements due to Special Educational Needs (SEN), an application form and relevant supporting document(s) with specific recommendation(s) for special arrangements should be submitted to the Dean of Studies by the end of September. A renewal of this application is required if special arrangements are different from the ones in the past academic year. For one-off special arrangements due to physical injury, the application form and supporting documents issued by occupational therapists or physiotherapists with specific recommendations for special arrangements should be submitted to the SEN Co-ordinator, Ms Catherine Wong Kit Mui, as soon as possible. The Application Form is obtainable via the School website at <http://www2.dbs.edu.hk/academics/index.php?parentid=6&sid=17>

**F. Email addresses:**

Headmaster's email address — [hm@dbb.edu.hk](mailto:hm@dbb.edu.hk)

School email address — [dbbadmin@dbb.edu.hk](mailto:dbbadmin@dbb.edu.hk)

- G. School Telephone System:** A telephone system with automatic customer service has been installed. For general enquiries, please dial 2711 5191 and then follow the instructions. The following direct lines may be useful for reaching specific concerned parties.

General Office	2711 5191, press 1, then 1, then 0, then 1 or dial 2768 5638 / 2768 5605 / 2768 5622 / 27685626
Admission Office	2768 5659
Careers Office	2768 5611 / 2768 5696 / 2768 5697 / 2768 5698 / 2768 5691
Centre for Further Studies	2769 7582
School Secretary	2768 5621
Financial Controller's Office	2768 5623 / 2768 5663 / 2768 5665 / 2768 5628 / 2768 5684
Teachers' Common Rooms	2768 5661 / 2768 5662 / 2768 5641 / 2768 5677 / 2768 5670
Social Worker	2768 5613 / 2768 5614
DBS Parent-Teacher Association	2768 5635
Habitat Office	2768 5683
Discipline	2768 5630 / 2768 5616

**H. School Fee Installments:**

**FOR LOCAL STUDENTS**

Class	School fee per installment	Installments	School fee per annum
Grade 7 - Grade 11	\$5,000 (September - June)	10	\$50,000
Grade 12	\$7,400 (September)	1	\$50,000
	\$7,100 (October - March)	6	
Grade 11 (IB1)	\$10,200 (September - June)	10	\$102,000
Grade 12 (IB2)	\$12,750 (September - April)	8	\$102,000

**FOR NON-LOCAL STUDENTS**

Class	School fee per installment	Installments	School fee per annum
Grade 7 - Grade 9	\$12,538.90 (September - June)	10	\$125,389
Grade 10 - Grade 11	\$13,834 (September - June)	10	\$138,340
Grade 12	\$19,768 (September)	1	\$138,340
	\$19,762 (October - March)	6	
Grade 11 (IB1)	\$19,034 (September - June)	10	\$190,340
Grade 12 (IB2)	\$23,792.50 (September - April)	8	\$190,340

Payments of the first installment by autopay or credit card will be collected on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020.



R.K.Y. Cheng  
Headmaster



## **Diocesan Boys' School – School Policy**

### **Introduction**

The mission of Diocesan Boys' School stands as providing a liberal education based on Christian principles for the development of a whole person of good character, the acquisition of creative and critical thinking skills and the cultivation of multiple intelligence maximizing students' diverse talents. Our school policy reassures our prime concern of equipping students with sound knowledge, worthy personal qualities, dynamic social and technical skills to achieve success in this rapidly advancing pluralistic society.

### **I. Quality Assurance**

The Diocesan Boys' School Committee Incorporation Ordinance (Cap.1123 of the Laws of Hong Kong) enacted in 1969 gives the School Committee the full power 'to manage, administer and operate the Diocesan Boys' School'. The School Committee focuses on setting school policies, the mission and vision, the raising, management and allocation of funds and managing a relationship with the Diocese, relevant Government departments and other educational institutes. The working group of the School Committee closely monitors the use of fundings as well as the implementation of the school policies. Members of the School Committee also sit on the School Management Committee and the Consultative Committee to ensure the smooth running of the school and a continuous exchange of views between teachers, parents and students.

### **II. Curriculum and Assessment**

The recommended syllabuses specified by the Curriculum Development Institute form the backbone of the DBS curriculum. Starting from the school year 2009-2010, the new senior secondary curriculum is being adopted in all of the subsidized secondary schools as well as those under the Direct Subsidy scheme. Upon completing the final year of Secondary Six, students will take part in the first Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examinations in 2012.

In addition, having received final authorization from the International Baccalaureate Organisation, our school will offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme starting from the school year 2010-2011. This comprehensive and challenging two-year course widely recognized for its high academic standards is for Grade 11 and Grade 12 students with an aim of preparing them for university studies. Assessment is varied and takes place over two years with final examinations in each subject. Student's work is assessed by an international board of examiners who are rigorously trained and monitored by the International Baccalaureate Organisation. Prior to the Diploma Programme, our school is offering a Bridging Programme for Grade 10 students starting from the school year 2009-2010. Its main focus is on the development of skills in preparing students to meet the requirement of the rigorous Diploma Programme.



### III. Teaching and Learning

The school is to provide a well-balanced education for the development of the whole person through effective means and agreeable strategies. Teaching and learning under both the reformed local curriculum and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme aims to enable our students to excel at using their language and numerical abilities, to broaden their knowledge base and to possess capabilities of critical thinking, independent learning and interpersonal skills.

It is of equal importance to meet the needs of individual students while facilitating a whole-person development. Emphasis is placed on academic abilities, language skills, information technology, physical education and music. Through participation in the clubs, societies, interest groups, student organizations and school teams, students experience growth in areas in addition to their academic studies. Local and overseas exchange and service programmes are encouraged to enrich common knowledge and deepen the understanding of our world outside the classroom setting. The Boarding School, a unique DBS feature, aims at further fostering a strong sense of responsibility and self-discipline among students.

### IV. The Medium of Instruction

From the beginning, the school has had an extensive history of internationalism. Students other than those of a Chinese descent attended our school alongside their Chinese schoolmates. The English language has traditionally been and will continue to be the medium of instruction in our classrooms. The Chinese language will remain as the medium of instruction in the Chinese Language and the Chinese History classes.

To further equip our students for the multi-linguistic trend in the ever-advancing societies, our school has all along provided students the opportunity of learning French as a second language in place of Chinese. French will therefore be used in the teaching of the French Language. All the relevant teaching materials and resources will be in English, Chinese and French with respect to the circumstances specified above.



## School Calendar 2020 – 2021

### September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	19: PTA AGM
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30				

### October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1	2	3	1: National Day 2: The day following the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10: PTA Inauguration Day
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	26: The day following Chung Yeung Festival 28: Inter-House Athletics Competitions

### November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	2: Inter-School Cross Country Competition
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	8: Garden Fete 9: The day following Garden Fete 11: First Information Session on G10 Streaming for G9
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	20: Sports Day holiday; Inter-School Life Saving Competition
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	25/11 - 7/12: IB G10 Mid-year Exam 25/11 - 3/12: IB G11 Mid-year Exam
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## December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1	2	3	4	5	2-19: G7-G11 Mid-year Exam 4-11: IB G11 CAS Trip
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	18: G7 Character Building Program II
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	21: Christmas Service 21: G7 Character Building Program II 24: Christmas Eve 25: Christmas Day 26: The first weekday after Christmas Day
27	28	29	30	31			

## January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1	2	1: The first day of January
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	4-6: Return of marked scripts (G7-G11)
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	12: Checking of result slips (G7-G11) 15: Speech Day 16: Mentoring Scheme (Tea Reception)
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22/1-9/2: G12 Mock Exam 23: Parents' Day (Distribution of report cards G7-G11, IB G10 – G12)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
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## February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	12: Lunar New Year's Day 13: The second day of Lunar New Year
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	15: The fourth day of Lunar New Year
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	22-24: Return of marked scripts (G12)
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