



The British School - Muscat

NEWSLETTER 24th April 2006

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 8th edition of this academic year's newsletter.

I hope you and your family enjoyed the recent holiday and that your children are refreshed and ready to learn.

The Term Ahead

Summer terms in schools are usually very busy due to the assessment procedures that test the effectiveness of learning over the current academic year and, in several cases, over a number of years. Many students will take tests or sit examinations this term, starting from the beginning of May. Pupils in Year 2 will take their end of Key Stage National Curriculum Tests (SATs), as will those at the end of Key Stages 2 (Year 6) and 3 (Year 9). Students in Year 11 will sit their GCSE examinations and our Year 13 students will complete their A Levels. I wish them all well and every success.

On several occasions I have explained to our senior students that the difference between their successes and failures will be heavily influenced by the degree to which they genuinely 'want to' learn instead of feeling that they 'have to' learn. As Head Boy Huub Wit once summarised in a school assembly, it's having a 'want to' attitude that wins the day. Well, on Saturday 20th May we shall celebrate the achievements of those senior students who have demonstrated a 'want to' attitude and converted it into tangible results. Prizes will be awarded in the auditorium of the Al Bustan Palace Hotel to those students whom teachers consider have most successfully met or exceeded the success criteria. An invitation from Head of Senior School, Dr Sola, will soon be sent to all parents with children in the Senior School. I look forward to seeing you there.

I am sure that many of you will enjoy Artefacts 2006, our annual art exhibition, which this year, will feature art from students in Years 7 – 13. You are all invited to view our exhibition, which will take place at the Oman Society of Fine Arts during the week beginning Saturday 27th May. Mrs Connor will soon be sending you further details.

Sadly we will lose some students at the end of this term as they move to new countries and/or embark upon a higher education in prestigious institutions around the world. However, I am confident that they will do so having benefitted from their time in our school and the values

that we instill as part of our Vision – 'A British Education for an International Future'.

Skin Clinic

I am pleased to announce that one of our very supportive parents, Dr Choudhury, Senior Dermatologist at Hataf Polyclinic will once again be offering free skin checks after school. Details of this valuable service will be sent to you in the near future by our school nurse, Mrs Healey.

Both Parents Away

Occasionally we hear that both parents are away from home and have left their child(ren) in the care of somebody else. If you ever do this, please remember to inform the School so that we know who to contact in the event of a problem. Thank you.

Up-To-Date Contact Details – Very Important

When we issued the re-registrations forms last term we attached a copy of our contact details for you. We received a lot of alterations and made the necessary changes. We want to maintain up-to-date and accurate records, so I have attached a copy of your details as currently listed on our data base. Please would you check the details, make any alterations and send the form back to school – whether or not you make any alterations – by Saturday 29th April. We shall then make any further adjustments to our records.

I will issue a copy of this form on the first day of every term in order to ensure that we maintain tight records. However, please do not wait until the form arrives to let us know of any changes you make. Simply tell us as soon as you make them. The best way is to notify us by email at admin@britishschool.edu.om

Finally, I would like to reiterate my welcome to you and hope that you and your children will enjoy what promises to be a challenging, exciting and rewarding term.

Kindest regards,

Steve Howland,
Principal.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

April

Saturday 29th April – Wednesday 3rd May
Year 6 Mock National Curriculum Tests

May

Saturday 6th
Years 3 – 13 Extra Curricular Activities Begin
7:30am – 1:45pm Years 11, 12 & 13 Art Exam Week

Sunday 7th
7:30am – 1:45pm Years 11, 12 & 13 Art Exam

Monday 8th
7:30am – 1:45pm Years 11, 12 & 13 Art Exam

Tuesday 9th
7:30am – 1:45pm Years 11, 12 & 13 Art Exam

Wednesday 10th
7:30am – 1:45pm Years 11, 12 & 13 Art Exam

Monday 15th
Yr 12 & 13 Exams Start

Thursday 18th
9:00am – 11:00am Foundation Stage Open Morning

Saturday 20th
10:30am – 1:30pm Years 7 – 13 Prize Giving,
Al Bustan Palace Hotel – Auditorium

Sunday 21st
7:30am – 1:45pm Year 9 National Curriculum Tests
Years 7 – 10 Internal MFL Speaking Exams All Week
Years 7, 8 & 9 Art Exam Week
Years 11 – 13 Study Leave Begins

Monday 22nd
7:30am – 1:45pm Year 9 National Curriculum Tests
Years 7, 8 & 9 Art Exam
Year 11 GCSE External Exams Begin
Years 7 – 10 Internal MFL Speaking Exams

Tuesday 23rd
7:30am – 1:45pm Year 9 National Curriculum Tests
Years 7, 8 & 9 Art Exam
Years 7 – 10 Internal MFL Speaking Exams

Wednesday 24th
7:30am – 1:45pm Year 9 National Curriculum Tests
Years 7, 8 & 9 Art Exam
Years 7 – 10 Internal MFL Speaking Exams

May (Cont.)

Saturday 27th
Year 6 National Curriculum Tests
Years 7 – 10 Internal Exams & MFL Listening

Sunday 28th
Year 6 National Curriculum Tests
Years 7 – 10 Internal Exams & MFL Listening
7:00pm – 8:30pm Senior School Artefacts 2006
Opening Ceremony, (Omani Fine Arts Society)

Monday 29th
Year 6 National Curriculum Tests
Years 7 – 10 Internal Exams & MFL Listening
9:30am 1:00pm & 5:30pm – 8:30pm Senior School
Artefacts 2006 (Omani Fine Arts Society)

Tuesday 30th
Year 6 National Curriculum Tests
Years 7 – 10 Internal Exams & MFL Listening
9:30am 1:00pm & 5:30pm – 8:30pm Senior School
Artefacts 2006 (Omani Fine Arts Society)

Wednesday 31st
Year 6 National Curriculum Tests
Years 7 – 10 Internal Exams & MFL Listening
9:30am 1:00pm & 5:30pm – 8:30pm Senior School
Artefacts 2006 (Omani Fine Arts Society)

June

Thursday 1st
9:30am – 1:00pm Last Day of Artefacts 2006 (Omani
Fine Arts Society)

Sunday 25th
Last GCSE Exams

Wednesday 28th
12:00pm School Closes – Non Uniform Day

Thursday 29th
Last A Level Exams

Further details of each of these events will be
forwarded by letter to the parents of participating
students.

We look forward to seeing you at some of these
events and wish participating students every success.