

A wonderful Founder's Day

The College auditorium was once again the venue for the annual Founder's Day Prize Giving ceremony. Proud parents and friends of the College joined students and staff to celebrate the outstanding student successes of the past year. The platform party consisted of several members of the Board of Governors together with guest of honour H.E. Mr. Guy Warrington, Her Majesty's Consul General in Dubai, who presented the prizes. Dr. Ferrario's opening address

referred to the outstanding achievements of Dubai College students this year and reminded everyone of the high regard in which the school is held, both regionally and internationally. After presenting the prizes Mr. Warrington spoke to the school community giving some valuable advice when deciding upon one's future. In reply to Mr. Warrington the outgoing Head Girl, Anisha Seneratne and Head Boy, James Armstrong delivered entertaining and poignant responses.

Study leave begins

Year 11 students and members of the Sixth Form begin their study from Sunday 16th May to enable them to prepare for the forthcoming public examinations. We wish them all the very best of luck and look forward to some outstanding results in August.



His Excellency Mr. Guy Warrington with members of the Board of Governors

Junior prize winner for Music Emily Collinson receiving her prize after her wonderful vocal performance



Year 12 student Kabir Tourani who has been accepted to read Mathematics at Trinity College, Cambridge, receiving a special prize for outstanding academic achievement

Whole School Photograph

Copies of the whole school photograph have now arrived and will be distributed this week. Only photographs in presentation tubes will be given to students to take home. Framed photographs and mounted copies should be picked up from the School Office to avoid any potential damage.

Drama department in the international spotlight

The College Drama Department was in the spotlight recently when the practical examinations for GCSE, AS and A Level took place. Chief Examiner for Edexcel, Mrs Ginny Spooner, marked a range of scripted and devised work showcased in the drama studio. Talking to parents and students, Mrs. Spooner announced that the latest Edexcel teaching DVD was recently issued to over a thousand examination centres worldwide. The majority of the exemplar practical work used on the DVD focused upon examination pieces performed by Dubai College students. Mrs. Spooner congratulated the department for the outstanding standard of work that is so consistently produced.



MSF Vertical Marathon 2010

Thanks to Jumeirah Emirates Towers and the support of the Red Crescent, the Vertical Marathon to benefit Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) projects around the world will take place on Friday, 28th May at the iconic Emirates Towers. Come out and join us for a morning of physical exertion, competition and family fun on the morning of May 28th. Enjoy the ambience of the beautiful Emirates Towers Godolphin Ballroom while preparing for your race, supporting your fellow competitors, enjoying the music, and feasting on a fabulous brunch.

What is it?

The marathon will consist of a 52 floor, 1334 stair climb; 265 metres up the Emirates Towers (Office Tower). Registration will take place in the Emirates Towers Godolphin Ballroom at

6:30 am; the race will start from inside the cooled ballroom with a brief run/walk to the office tower entrance after which each participant will proceed up the stairs.

For safety reasons, only 200 individuals can participate in the event, so register today to guarantee your spot.

How to participate?

Each participant must donate a minimum of 500 AED entry fee. The competitive race will be open to both teams and individuals and will be timed. The non-competitive race will be open to both teams and individuals and will be timed as well.

We encourage all participants to help us to raise lifesaving funds by finding as many sponsors as possible to support their run! You can either pay online or call us on (04) 345 8177 for details

on payment in person. Entry fee must be received before 24th May.

Registration

Registration will begin at 6:30 am in the Emirates Towers Godolphin Ballroom and close at 7:30 am. Both competitive and non-competitive participants must have paid their registration fee in order to participate. Upon check-in participants will receive their T-shirts and running numbers for the race. The marathon will begin at 8:00 am, followed at 10:00am by the presentation of awards, a raffle and a brunch to conclude the morning. All participants, volunteers and family are invited to join us on the day for music, brunch and entertainment in the ballroom.

Register online at <http://vm.msf-me.org>

ABRSM Examinations completed

Despite the delayed start due to volcanic ash the ABRSM music examinations have come to a successful conclusion. The Associated Board's examiner, Mr. Bernard King, finishes his duties this week having examined close to a thousand young musicians. We wish him a safe journey home.

Young writers visit College

Some of the College's longer serving members of staff may remember former student Jessica Reaume who sadly passed away a few years ago. Recently Jessica's 18 year old twin brothers Jake and Luke wrote their first novel, *The Draconean*, which has been published by Amazon US. They recently visited Dubai College and talked to Year 10 students who were fascinated, entertained and inspired by their presentation. The twin writers' message was an important one: that we should not give up on our dreams and passions. Year 10 left the room full of enthusiasm for their own futures...and very impressed by Luke and Jake.

Art and Design Technology Exhibition

This year's Art and Design Technology Exhibition will take place on 8th and 9th June in the College Auditorium. The success of the event in recent years has seen a growth in the number of visitors from both within and beyond the College community. Anyone who is interested in supporting the event through sponsorship should contact Mr. Penson. g.penson@dubaicollege.org



Dubai College invites you to the annual Art & Design Technology Exhibition 5.00pm until 8.00pm Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th June 2010



Pictured during their talk to Year 10 are Luke and Jake, together with their mother Sarah.

Keeping up the good work

Year 11 student Yuvraj Talwar is keeping up the good work he began earlier in the year by raising a further 16,800 dirhams for the Haiti earthquake victims. Yuvraj handed over a cheque to Mr Marc Sauvagnac, Executive Director of MSF.

This is a wonderful effort on Yuvraj's part, particularly as it comes at a time when he is focusing upon his GCSE revision

Friends of Dubai College Summer Ball 2010

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Venue: **The Crowne Plaza Dubai, Sheikh Zayed Road**

Date: June 11th 2010

Price: 550dhs per ticket.

****Early Bird special offer: Buy a table for 10 by
May 20th and pay only dhs 5,000.****

Tickets: Available from Elianna at the DC reception.

Dress code: Formal

Music: The local band **Suburban Voodoo**.

We are looking forward to welcoming you at 8pm for drinks.
Dinner will be served at 9pm.

All funds to go towards the FDC **Project Pavilion**.

Hope to see you at the Ball!

Please contact Belinda (bsouthby@live.com or 050 5685150) if you have any questions or would like to further support this FDC initiative.

Family Quiz Night



Who am I?



Family Quiz Night



What is the
capital of Canada?

Dear Parents and students,

You are invited to come along with your family and have a go at our FDC “Family Quiz Night” for all ages, for all interests and for all ability levels.

- What **FDC Family Quiz Night**
- When **Tuesday 18 May 2010**
- Where **DC School Hall, 7pm – 9pm**
- Cost **AED 30 per adult, AED 20 per student**
- Teams **6 -8 people – make up your own team or come along and join up with others on the night. (CHOOSE YOUR OWN LUCKY TEAM NAME)**
- Rounds **Will include General Knowledge, Movies, and Observation!**
- Quiz Masters **Experienced and talented Quiz Master Steve Shore**
- Break **Enjoy Complimentary Snacks during Break while exercising your brain on DINGBATS**
- Prizes **Selection of Fantastic Prizes
Waiting for the Winning Teams!!!**



Observation Round
In the movie clip what was on the table?



We look forward to seeing you for what promises to be a fun-filled evening!

Thank you,

John Merrigan
Chairman,
Friends of Dubai College

Notice Year 11

Parents and students should be aware that Sunday 5th September is Sixth Form AS Level sign up day. All students wishing to enter Year 12 should attend in order to select their AS Level subjects. Sign up begins at 9am. Sixth Form induction day is Monday 13th September. Term commences Tuesday 14th September.

Non Uniform Day

Last week's non uniform day raised 7195 Dhs. The money will be donated to two primary schools in Nepal which a team of 17 senior students and four teachers will be visiting in July. With this money it has been calculated that we will be able to buy uniforms for over 200 children, as well as pay for essential books and classroom equipment. On behalf of the children in Nepal we would like to say a big "thank you" to the DC students who donated ten dirhams each. This small amount of money has gone a long way towards considerably improving the lives of children who have very little but the clothes they stand in!

The Expedition to Nepal begins

on 1st July and will involve five days of trekking in the foothills of Mount Everest. To prepare for this trip, they have each been set a challenge to raise 'one thousand dirhams', which will then be donated to the school in Nepal and will be used to pay for the materials that are necessary to make it habitable. So far the students have thought up some novel ideas of fund-raising, including sponsored walks, a sponsored silence, and pizza parties. If you wish to find out more about the charity that they are supporting, or would like to get involved with the fund raising then more information can be found at:

www.movingmountains.org.uk



Santa Clara Community Centre

Dubai College students have been visiting Mauritius every year for over a decade as part of their Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expedition.

Although the main purpose of their trip is to undertake a tough 3-day expedition through challenging terrain, spending time on a charity project has become an integral part of the expedition and the students often return to Dubai with fond memories of how they made a real difference in helping others less fortunate than themselves.

Over the years DC students have helped to decorate and renovate schools in Mauritius and have donated much-needed money to help the schools keep operating. Most recently more than 50 DC students visited the Santa Clara Community Centre and designed games and activities to

help develop the confidence and social skills of children from very impoverished backgrounds near to Grand Baie. Not surprisingly, these students are keen to continue to support the schools that they visited in Mauritius. Some students decided to take part in the FDC Fun Day to raise more desperately needed money to help pay for Santa Clara Community Centre improvements. They raised about AED 4000 as well as collecting a number of soft toys, educational games and books that will be shipped to the school as soon as possible.

In addition to this, General Electrics, while on a business conference in Mauritius, have kindly collected US\$1,100 for the school, which was used earlier this year to renovate the school, and the Friends of Dubai College have donated AED 1000

following the success of the FDC Fun Day earlier this year.

We are hoping to get some support from Emirates airlines to ship the 8 small boxes of toys and educational supplies that we collected for the Santa Clara Community Centre.



Successful launch for Pavilion Project

The launch meeting of Project Pavilion was held on 5th May and was well attended by those Friends of Dubai College who wanted to lend their support towards the building of a sports pavilion and changing rooms on the school playing fields. Under the auspices of the FDC with the support and mandate of the school governors, Project Pavilion is a call to action for all Friends of Dubai College who can offer their support to raise funds or provide services / sponsorship towards the cost of the project. At the meeting, a presentation was made by John Merrigan, Chair FDC, and Andy Jones, Sports Director, outlining the design of the facility and the

key milestones of the project. The content highlighted the unique place that Dubai College occupies in the wider community and how these facilities will benefit the students for many years to come, and moreover, the opportunity the project represents for all who have the interests of Dubai College at heart to make a contribution – to view the presentation, visit the Friends of Dubai College page on the website.

Many useful suggestions were made by those who attended and also a very encouraging level of pledges have been made from parents and alumni, ranging from engineering services, building materials

and sponsorship. Arising from the meeting a detailed conceptual design will be completed in readiness for approval by the Governors and to be submitted for approval by Dubai Municipality. A more comprehensive project plan will be prepared by the end of May. Moving forward, regular updates will be provided on the progress of the project on the school website. For those who feel they can contribute or would like to know more, please contact John Merrigan:
merrigan@emirates.net.ae



Proposed site for DC Pavilion



Proposed seating

Reminder

Please be aware that if it is your intention to withdraw your child from school for next term you should contact Mrs. Debra Harding immediately.

admissions@dubaicollege.org

Mandarin Classes

欢迎大家来上中文课

Mandarin Chinese classes are offered Saturday mornings at Dubai College. Classes taught by qualified Chinese teachers from mainland China. Timings are from 10:00am - 12:00 noon.

This class is for children - no previous experience with Chinese is necessary. Classes to prepare students for the GCSE are also available.

Adult classes possible, if a minimum of four sign up.

Call 050-515-6134 for more information.



Netball Success

March brought the Dubai Schools' Netball League to a tense conclusion as final matches were played and the end of season tournaments completed. Once again the girls have competed fiercely in A and B teams in all five age groups and seen their efforts rewarded with some fine results. Perhaps the loudest applause should go to our youngest members of the College, Year 7 who have managed the double by winning the league convincingly as well as the U12 tournament.



Year 7 captain Beatrice Turner, Year 10 captain Anna Louise Williams and Senior Captain Emma Rogerson

League results:

Year 7A – winners Div 1

Year 7 B – runners up Div 2

Year 8A – runners up

Year 8B – 6th in Div 1

Year 9A – 3rd Div 1

Year 9 B – 3rd Div 2

Year 10A – runners up Div 1

Year 10B – winners Div 2

Sen A – winners Div 1

Sen B – winners Div 2

DC win 'Fab 5'

DC managed to retain their Fab 5 title at EIS Jumeirah recently. An unusual track and field competition the Fab 5 sees teams of five athletes competing in a series of track and field events. Each athlete is allowed to do one track and field plus a relay. Having won both the girls and boys Dubai Schools' Athletics Championships earlier this year it was no surprise that DC were able to enter teams at junior, intermediate and senior level that would be hard to beat. However victory did not come easily with the team winning by a slender three point margin against the hosts EIS Jumeirah with JESS Ranches in third spot.

Under 14 rugby team win international curtain raiser

The under 14 rugby team held off a late challenge from the Dubai Hurricanes to win the play off of the Dubai Schools' Champions versus the Gulf Club Champions by a scoreline of 24 - 20. The match, held at the Emirates Sevens ground, was a curtain raiser for the international game between the Arabian Gulf and Korea.



Swim Team retains Dubai Schools' League Championship

The final league meet of the Dubai Schools' swim season was held last week at Jumeirah College. Going into the meet with a slender sixteen point lead DC needed to be at their best to hold off the challenge of a strong JC team. Throughout the competition proved to be very close but superb performances in the relay events saw the DC squad draw ahead to win the meet by twenty seven points,

giving them a forty three point winning margin over the season.

Congratulations go to everyone who has represented the College throughout the season. A huge thank you goes to Mrs. Adamson as the driving force behind the team.

Results of Meet

DC 234
JC 207
EC 146
JESS 139
WIS 83

Dubai Schools League

DC 1125
JC 1082
EC 663
WIS 544
JESS 542

Pictured are the squad and team captains Gemma Gardner and Neal Thomson.

