



## Outstanding Public Examination successes

Full details and statistics of the 2009 GCSE and GCE AS and A Level examination results are available on the website. They represent outstanding achievement on the part of our students and continue to place us in the premier division of the league tables of results published by the Times and the Daily Telegraph in the UK for independent and selective schools.

### DC students 'buck the trend' in gaining university places

This year's cohort of students who achieved so well in their GCE A Level examinations have gone against the UK trend by gaining their first or second choice places at UK universities. It has been reported that fewer than 20% of the students who applied to 'clearing' (the system used by UCAS to place students who have not achieved the grades to secure their 'choice' universities) have succeeded in gaining places. This is likely to leave over a hundred thousand youngsters without a university course.

Amongst the 99 leavers, five are taking an official 'gap year. Of the remaining 94, the majority have gained places at their first choice university, including some of the most well respected institutions in the UK and US. A small number of students have accessed courses at their second choice institution.

Congratulations to them all!

### School Absence Protocol

As it is vital to ensure the safety and care of each individual pupil it is very important that the School Office receives notification of pupil absences by 9.00am.

### Second-Hand School Clothes Sales

To support the School community, the Friends of Dubai College (FDC) provides a service on secondhand uniforms.

Items of clothing can be donated and purchased as follows:

1. On the first Thursday of every month 12 midday to 1 p.m. - please come to the School Reception;
2. At all Parent-Teacher evenings;
3. By special arrangement with Julie Heyster on mobile phone 050 6 999 325.

### Website headlines

Go to [www.dubaicollege.org](http://www.dubaicollege.org) and hit News

To ensure you have the most up to date news remember to click the refresh button regularly.

Mr Ashmore and Justine Morgan enjoy their International Space Camp experience

Fantastic performance at the Triathlon World Championships from Carina Rodd

Pole position for DC Team Veludricous

Second-hand school clothes Art and History China trip slideshow

Sixth Form Induction Day Full circle

A busy schedule for DC swimmers in the summer holiday

First assembly of the New Year

Year 7 Induction Day slideshow

Fun start for Year 7s

A Level students receive commendations for outstanding achievement worldwide

A warm welcome to new staff!

Year 11 students achieve outstanding GCSE results

A Level results go from strength to strength

### Identity labels

Please make sure that your child's items of uniform and lunch box are clearly named.

# DC swimmers produce superb summer performances

DC swimmers were kept busy during the summer holiday both in their training schedules and their involvement in major championship events.

Frank Ryan (Year 11) and Cody Duncan (Year 12) were invited to attend an altitude training camp in Spain along with other international swimmers. Both then returned to the UK to produce personal best times, Frank at the British Nationals and Cody at an international meet in Southampton.

Year 12 student Andrew Chetcuti helped Malta finish third of eight countries in an international meet in Portugal. Andrew won four individual medals – 3 silver and 1 bronze as well as collecting two bronze in the relay events. Andrew also achieved a superb 5 national records.

Jasmine Brennan in Year 9 had a wonderfully successful visit to the Irish National Championships achieving personal best times in all of her medal winning events. Swimming as an Under 14 she won a bronze in the Individual Medley, a silver in the Breaststroke, topping it all off with a fantastic swim in the butterfly to take the gold.

Victoria Wallis returned to South Africa to compete in the Speedo Prestige meet, held in Durban. Victoria managed to win two silver medals in the 50m and 100m backstroke events.



From left to right: Victoria Wallis, Cody Duncan, Jasmine Brennan, Andrew Chetcuti and Frank Ryan

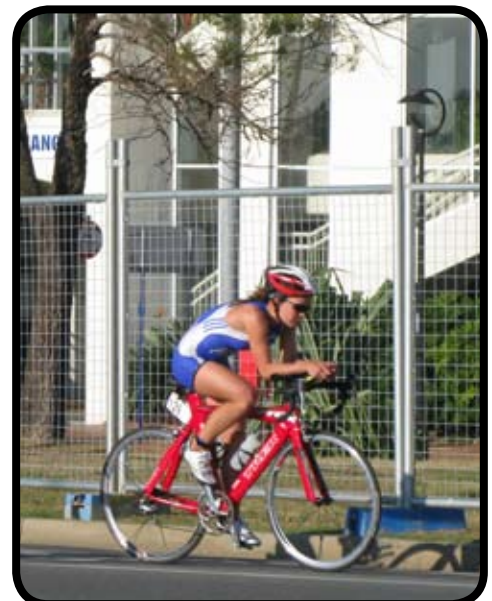
## Fantastic performance at the Triathlon World Championships from Carina Rodd

On the 12th September, Carina Rodd, who left Dubai College in June, represented Great Britain in the Triathlon World Age Group Championships on the Gold Coast in Queensland, Australia, finishing in a superb 7th position!

Having qualified as best junior in this year's British National Championships, if Carina entered the race unaware of what to expect then the reality of world competition was soon brought home to her when some of her more experienced fellow competitors indulged in some very physical tactics. During the swim section Carina had to cope with lots of pulling and punching and before coming out of the water in 15th

place. Not to be put off, Carina followed this up with an excellent bike ride to join the leading group. Again the dubious tactic of drafting was evident but Carina finished the third section of the event with a fantastic run. Unfortunately Carina was run out of a podium place in a very tight sprint finish.

Carina's mother writes, "The whole championships has been an awesome experience which started with her taking part in the parade of the nations at the opening ceremony. Carina is over the moon!"



# Outstanding Students at GCE A Level 2009

## 5 Grade As

**Nida Leeuwenburgh**

*Biology, Chemistry, Physics,  
Mathematics, Further Mathematics*

**Katie O'Mahoney**

*Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics,  
Economics, English*

## 4 Grade As

**Anish Bhatnagar**

*Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics,  
Economics*

**Alex Brightmore**

*Biology, Chemistry, Physics,  
Mathematics*

**Emily Burns**

*Chemistry, Mathematics, English,  
Drama*

**Natalie Robehmed**

*Art, English, Mathematics, Music*

**Niclas Roderick**

*English, History, Economics,  
Mathematics*

**Rosie Ryan**

*Chemistry, Mathematics, Art,  
English*

**Chirag Mehra**

*Biology, Chemistry, Physics,  
Mathematics*

**Nupur Mohan**

*Biology, Chemistry, Economics  
Mathematics*

**Nikita Mediratta**

*Biology, Chemistry, Physics  
Mathematics*

**Lauren Bruffaerts**

*Physics, Mathematics, Economics,  
English*

## 3 Grade As

**Aneeka Ahmed**

*Art, History, Mathematics*

**Talal Al-Nawab**

*Physics, Mathematics, Economics*

**Issam Ashur**

*Physics, Mathematics, Economics*

**Hassan Aslam**

*History, Mathematics, Economics*

**Kate Barnett**

*Biology, Mathematics, Phys. Ed.*

**Hannah Campbell**

*Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics*

**Oskar Canneborg**

*Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics*

**Gregor Cannie**

*Biology, English, History*

**Neha Choudhry**

*Biology, Economics, Mathematics*

**Anushka Chugani**

*Art, Economics, English*

**Rory Convery**

*English, French, History*

**Matthew Corcos**

*Biology, Physics, Mathematics*

**Melanie Debono**

*Physics, Economics, Mathematics*

**Siobhan Gerrard**

*Drama, Mathematics, Economics*

**David Hillier**

*Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics*

**Richard Holly**

*Physics, Geography, History*

**Elliot Hurdiss**

*Biology, Chemistry, English*

**Leigh-Anne Janaway**

*Physics, Mathematics, Music*

**Rahul Kanade**

*English, Economics, Mathematics*

**Haneen Khan**

*Drama, Mathematics, Economics*

**Leah Mapara**

*Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics*

**Sarah Martin**

*Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics*

**Marcus O'Connell**

*Art, Physics, Mathematics*

**Saanya Papar**

*Art, Economics, Mathematics*

**Dylan Price**

*Art, Physics, Mathematics*

**Ranjani Ramani**

*English, Economics, Mathematics*

**Matthew Rivers**

*Biology, Physics, Mathematics*

**Carina Rodd**

*Biology, Economics, Mathematics*

**Sahas Sagal**

*Physics, Mathematics, Economics*

**Philippa Seika**

*Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics*

**Jennifer Smith**

*Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics*

**Alexa Soar**

*Art, Mathematics, Design Tech.*

**Dhwani Soni**

*Art, Physics, Mathematics*

**Diosa Taylor**

*Art, Mathematics, Design Tech.*

**Ben Thompson**

*Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics*

**Alex Tomkins**

*Biology, Chemistry, Physics*

**Annabel Young**

*Physics, Mathematics, German*

# Examination results 2009

## GCSE

	2006	2007	2008	2009
Candidates	108	111	112	113
Subject Entries	963	988	1011	1001
A – E : DC	100%	100%	100%	100%
A – E : UK	90%	90%	91%	92%
A – C : DC	99%	100%	100%	100%
A – C : UK	62	63%	66%	67%
A* - A : DC	78%	78%	81%	82%
A* - A : UK	19%	20%	21%	22%

## GCE A Level

	2006	2007	2008	2009
Candidates	87	90	100	99
Subject Entries	269	274	312	312
A – E : DC	100%	100%	100%	100%
A – E : UK	97%	97%	97%	98%
A – C : DC	97%	94%	95%	97%
A – C : UK	71%	73%	74%	75%
A – B : DC	85%	84%	86%	90%
A – B : UK	48%	50%	51%	52%

## **A Level students receive commendations for outstanding achievement worldwide**

This year's record breaking examination results at Dubai College received another boost when eleven students received commendations from the examination board Edexcel International for outstanding achievement worldwide in this year's GCE A Level examinations. All the students were amongst candidates with the highest score worldwide in their subject area.

Teachers in the Art and Design department at the College were understandably delighted as nine students received the commendation.

They were: Alexa Soar, Rosie Ryan, Natalie Robehmed, Diosa Taylor, Dhvani Soni, Stephanie Constantinides, Zenny Sharif, Marcus O'Connell, and Anushka Chugani.

In addition Katie O'Mahoney received the award for Economics. Perhaps most remarkable was the achievement of by Year 11 student Kabir Tourani who received the commendation despite the fact he was sitting his A level Mathematics two years early.

## **Friends of Dubai College start the year with Fun Race Night**

As part of the fundraising for the Friends of Dubai College and the PE Department, we shall be holding a Fun Race Night at the Majlis Room at the Irish Village on Friday 16th October.

Tickets will go on sale after the Eid holiday priced at 100dhs. The ticket price includes a buffet meal. We anticipate a very enthusiastic response as such evenings are invariably entertaining and enjoyable. We aim to sell 110 tickets (11 tables x 10) so should you wish to reserve your tickets we recommend you do so as early as possible.

We are also looking to secure sponsors for each of the six races. Sponsorship is 3,000 dhs and can be shared with a co-sponsor. We are also looking for prizes for a Grand Draw. Anyone interested please contact Mr. Penson as soon as possible. 050 5597279 or g.penson@dubaicollege.org

We sincerely hope that parents, teachers, alumni and friends of the College will be able to support the evening.

To reserve your tickets please put FDC Race Night into your subject box and email the Headmaster's secretary Mrs. Elianna Skouroupathis with the following information.

headsec@dubaicollege.org

Name:

Number of tickets:

Name and Form of student contact:

Telephone Contact:

## **Calendar**

The AutumnTerm Calendar can now be viewed or downloaded from the school website

## **School Activities' Programme**

The activities programme will commence after the Eid holiday. All pupils have been given an activities booklet to help them with their choices and time management. Please encourage your child to look at the booklet in preparation for the Activities' Bazaar which will be held on Monday 28th September.

## **An Inspector(s) Calls**

Five members of the Dubai Schools' Inspection Bureau will be visiting the College from Monday 12th October until Wednesday 14th October. All parents should have received a letter from the Headmaster.

### **Inspection Team**

#### **Lead Inspector**

Mrs Jacqueline Sinclair

#### **Team Inspectors**

Mrs Elizabeth Charlesworth

Dr Graham Melmes

Mr Frank Ruggiero

Mr Jihad Fareed

# House Activities *Autumn Term Calendar*

WEEK COMMENCING	DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
1	TUE. 08/09	RAMADAN	
2	SUN. 13/09	HOUSE MEETINGS	Thurs PSHE
3	SUN. 20/09	EID	
4	SUN. 27/09	YEAR 8 BADMINTON	Mon – Wed
5	SUN. 04/10	SEN. VOLLEYBALL	Mon – Wed
6.	SUN. 11/10	SEN. WATER POLO (B/G)	Sun – Wed
7.	SUN. 18/10	SEN. SOCCER/NETBALL	PSHE
8.	SUN. 25/10	YEAR 7 QUIZ GIRLS SOCCER	PSHE Mon - Wed
9.	SUN. 01/11	HOUSE MEETINGS	PSHE
10.	SUN. 08/11	YR. 10 SOCCER/NETBALL YR. 8 SOCCER/NETBALL	PSHE OPEN DAY
11.	SUN. 15/11	YR. 9 SOCCER/NETBALL	PSHE
12.	SUN. 22/11	YR. 7 SOCCER/NETBALL	PSHE
13.	SUN. 29/11	National Day Half Term	
14.	SUN. 06/12	SENIOR BADMINTON	Mon - Wed
15.	SUN. 13/12	HOUSE MUSIC WEEK	Thurs 18

Senior Volleyball, Senior Water Polo, Girls Soccer, Junior Boys Basketball, Year 8 and Senior Badminton are all lunch time activities.

Year 7 Quiz, House Meetings and all Soccer/Netball (except Year 8 which is on OPEN DAY) are in PSHE.

## Space Camp *Alabama*

During the summer holidays, Mr Ashmore and I were given the opportunity by Space Camp Arabia, to travel to Huntsville, Alabama to participate in the international week at Space Camp. There were 40 students and 80 teachers representing over 20 different countries participating in the international week at Space Camp. During our time there we had the

chance to try a variety of activities such as mission simulations, rocket building, high-ropes courses and scuba diving, which enabled us to learn more about the disciplines of life as an astronaut. Throughout the week we learnt a great deal about the work of NASA. We also met with ex-astronauts and were given talks on life in space and its associated problems. It certainly was

an experience to remember.

Justine Morgan

Go to the **News** section of the website and click on *Mr Ashmore and Justine Morgan enjoy their International Space Camp experience* for more information.

