

## An Evening of Creativity, Invention, Functionality, Artistry & Style

An exhibition of GCSE, AS and A Level examination work was held in the auditorium earlier this month. The foyer area came alive with creativity and innovation bouncing off the walls and between the floors, of this split level spectacle. Comments reverberated around the maze of exhibits:

**“are any of these for sale? how much do you think .....?”**,  
**“how on earth do they come up with the ideas?”**,  
**“that’s brilliant, just brilliant”**,  
**“it’s hard to believe that this is a school exhibition”**,  
**“what an impressive exhibition in an equally impressive venue”**  
**“the Tate would struggle to match this”**



Many of the actual designers and artists came to discuss their work with the hundreds of visitors who attended, whilst the flavour of the evenings was epitomised by Rosie Ryan’s fine show of garbage which was performed ‘live’, by Emily Burns. Many of the visitors also entered into the spirit of the evening with some exquisitely eye catching outfits.

The Art and Design Technology departments would like to thank all those who came to see the exhibition. The interest and support is greatly appreciated. Hopefully the two immensely successful and enjoyable evenings will again translate into some successful examination results for our students in August.



## Junior Music Concert winds up the year

An audience of over two hundred parents, family and friends thoroughly enjoyed the final music concert of the year. In a fitting finale to what has been a hectic musical calendar the junior musicians of the College entertained with a varied programme of orchestral and ensemble pieces ranging from Miles Davis and Lennon and McCartney to Tchaikovsky and Bach.

Before the Junior Jazz Band played everyone out Dr Ferrario thanked all involved, pointing out that the future of music at the College is in good hands. He also thanked two members of the music department who are leaving at the end of term. He bade farewell to Mrs. McClane who has looked after the Junior Flute Choir for the last two years and paid tribute to the contribution made to the development of music in the College by Mr. Mark Holmes.



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Jordy Whitman tribute photos  
Junior Summer Concert gallery

**FDC Summer Ball gallery**

Art and Design Technology  
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**Sports Awards Evening gallery**

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**Gym success**

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE: Exiting The College

From 27th June to 29th August (inclusive) the College’s normal exit gate onto the Al Sufouh road will be closed to allow for public works. To EXIT the College during this time please take notice of the signs directing traffic through the school to exit via the side car park near the Auditorium. Although there will be no students in school during this period there will be maintenance work in progress so you are requested to **PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY!** Thank you.

# A resounding success for first ever Dubai College Sports Awards Dinner



Over 150 senior students, parents and staff gathered at the Emirates Sevens club house for the first ever Dubai College Sports Awards Dinner. The Headmaster began the formalities with a pre-dinner speech highlighting many of the individual and team successes of the year. He also paid tribute to the PE Department and to those staff who give their time and energy to coach teams and organize events. Before inviting the captain of each team to the stage to sum up the season Dr Ferrario congratulated several individuals who have achieved

notable acclaim during the last year.

- Clare Thompson – Netball**
- Matthew Turner – Golf**
- Lucas Metaxas – Football**
- Andrew Chetcuti – Swimming**
- Amy Bishop – Netball**
- Reuben Abraham – Cricket**
- Olivia Withers – Netball**
- Carina Rodd – Triathlon**
- Robyn Smith – Sailing**
- John Cottrell – Football**
- Oskar Caneborg – Sailing**

Following the dinner Dr Ferrario

presented awards to players from each team in the categories of 'Most Improved' and 'Player of the Year'. Two special awards were also made. Robert Durie received the Andy Greenhow Award for Outstanding Contribution to Football, presented by last year's winner Andy Gibb and Mrs. Evans presented Clare Thompson with the Dubai Ladies' Netball League's Player of the Year Award, a stunning achievement for one so young.

The prize winners were:

Sport	Player of the Year	Most Improved
<b>Boys Basketball</b>	Sam Aki	Bilal Khan
<b>Girls Basketball</b>	Sophie Armstrong	Nida Leeuwenburgh
<b>Cricket</b>	Hassan Aslam	Sid Choudhary
<b>Desert Cats 1</b>	Amy Bishop	Clare Thompson
<b>Desert Cats 2</b>	Fatimah El Rashid	Alexia Austin
<b>Boys Football</b>	Rob Durie	Sean Thornberry
<b>Girls Football</b>	Lana Neil	Natasha Daoud
<b>Rugby</b>	Greg Cannie	Jan Matus
<b>Swimming</b>	Neal Thomson	Sam Adamson

## UCAS Information Evening

Head of Sixth Form, Mr. Nick Jones gave a presentation recently that focused upon university entrance. A large audience of parents took advantage of the opportunity to listen to Mr. Jones as he took them through the recent developments in UCAS procedures. A question and answer session followed.

## Pritika Mehra

Congratulations go to Year 8 student Pritika Mehra who is currently taking part in the Indian National Swimming Championships in Jaipur as a result of her qualifying from the Maharashtra State level meet. She is competing in the 50m and 100m breaststroke events.

## Pedal Power for Year 12 Student

Whilst many of us will be taking a leisurely bike ride or two during the summer break Year 12 student Jamie Shirlaw will be taking things a little more seriously. In July Jamie will be travelling to Abergavenny in Wales to compete in the British Junior National Road Race Championships representing the Liverpool Century Road Club. In recent years Jamie has enjoyed some success as a junior in the UAE but this will be a much stiffer test for him. We wish him every success!



## Jordy Whitman

Friends, family and staff gathered together in the Music Centre to remember Jordy Whitman. Memories and feelings were expressed in words and music bringing smiles, laughter and a few tears. At the rear of 'B' Block a frangipani tree, together with a memorial plaque is now a permanent reminder to us all of a beautiful young lady who meant so much to so many.

## Spectacular Success in Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Congratulations to the following students for having recently completed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award:

Alice Raymond  
Clare Thompson  
Zoe Panayi  
Abigail Laven  
Alice Turner  
Amelia Putt  
Louisa Henson  
Jan Biddle  
Tom Summers  
Zain Kassam  
Ricardo Sommerauer

To qualify for this award, not only did they undergo 6 months of rigorous training, but they also had to endure two weekends of gruelling treks through the mountains in extreme weather conditions. Over the last six months they have also been completing physical challenges, learning new skills and have all contributed in some way to the local community.

Participation in the D of E award has seen many of Dubai College's students committing themselves to learning new musical skills, developing their sporting abilities, coaching younger students, even expanding their knowledge of cookery, ballet and ballroom dancing! Some have been trampolining, other's improved their horse-riding abilities and helped with recycling and charity fund raising projects.

Altogether, they, as well as the wider community have benefitted considerably from their involvement in the Award. These students are now able to progress up to the Silver Award, which commences in September and involves a challenging expedition to Mauritius.



## Winter Term dates

**Sixth Form Enrollment Day:** Thursday 3rd September  
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**New Pupils Day and Sixth Form Induction:**  
Monday 7th September  
Year 7: 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.  
New Pupils Year 8 - 10: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
Year 12: 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.

**First Day of Ramadan:** circa. Friday 21st August 2009  
**Term Starts:** Tuesday 8th September 2009  
**Eid Al Fitr:** circa. Sunday 20th September – Thursday 24th September 2009

**Eid Al Adha and National Day:** circa. Sunday 29th November – Thursday 3rd December 2009  
**Term Ends:** Thursday 17th December 2009

## School Bus Routine during Ramadan

When the new academic year starts in September it will be during the holy month of Ramadan. The school will be operating a Ramadan school day that will start with registration at 8.10 a.m. and end at 1.50 p.m. (1.55 p.m. end of school)

Bus pick-up/drop-off times will be adjusted as follows:

- in the morning pick-up times will be 20 minutes later than the normal (non-Ramadan) time;
- on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the afternoon drop-offs will be 90 minutes earlier than the normal time;
- on Thursday the afternoon drop off will be 60 minutes later than the normal Thursday time.

Please also note that during Ramadan the usual late buses will leave Dubai College one hour earlier at 3.45 p.m.

## House competition too close to call

This year's champion House will be announced at final assembly on Thursday and it looks like it will be the closest of calls. Last week's Public Speaking event saw Barbarossa sneak ahead but with merit points still to be counted Cousteau still have a chance.

Junior Public Speaking:

1. Jacob Lubert (BA)
2. Taybah Siddiqui (BA)
3. Mikaela Dunn (CO)

**1. Barbarossa, 2. Heyerdahl, 3. Cousteau, 4. Chichester.**

Intermediate Public Speaking:

1. Kate Burns (BA)
2. Adam Melone (BA)
3. Jess Sanders (HE)

**1. Barbarossa, 2. Chichester, Heyerdahl, 4. Cousteau.**

Current Standings:

1. BARBAROSSA 182½
2. COUSTEAU 179
3. CHICHESTER 172
4. HEYERDAHL 166½

## DC's Primary schools drama tour a big hit!

DC's annual primary schools drama tour got off to a wonderful start this week with visits to JESS Jumeriah and Jebel Ali Primary. Sixteen members of the Year 12 drama group have been busily preparing a piece of poetry for performance to be staged with groups of Year 5 children. Judging by the reaction from the youngsters at both schools the Year 12s efforts were very worthwhile. The sessions began with a series of drama games and a presentation of the children's poem Jabberwocky. The DC students then helped the children to prepare their own version of the poem with some spectacular results.

A big thank you goes to Mrs. Japp at JESS Jumeirah and Mrs. Hall at Jebel Ali for their help in organising the tour.

