



THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

NEWS TID BITS ISSUE #2

**"THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE
IN THE BEAUTY OF THEIR DREAMS."**

CONTENTS

- *MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**
- *HEAD OF SECONDARY**
- *CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER**
- *HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH**
- *MEET THE HOD ENGLISH**
- *STAFF CORNER - MS. NERIAH**
- *STAFF CPD's**
- *STARS OF THE MONTH**
- *TESTIMONIALS**
- *QUESTION OF THE MONTH**
- *DID YOU KNOW**
- *FUN CORNER**



Ms. Lana Koyi

PRINCIPAL

Dear SIPS Family,
Greetings!

I hope this message finds you well. I am excited to continue to share the important developments in our school. This term we have exciting initiatives taken up by our staff and students. Academically we are happy for successful implementation of Support classes and After School Activities (ASA's) to help and support our students in becoming adept learners. Besides this to instill Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) we have started rewarding our students as 'Stars of the Week' and Class Prefects to promote qualities of leadership and responsibility towards the school. We are also excited to share about the international trips for our Secondary and Sixth Form students. But that's not all! We have some wonderful news this term. We are now officially recognized as **one of the 100 Climate Action Schools** from 150+ countries and our staff and students are part of international collaborations through classroom exchange program for taking action towards a sustainable planet. This serves as one of our initiatives to become a Sustainable School in meeting the criteria shared by the Ministry of Environment - UAE.

Apart from this, we also had a successful Parent-Teachers meeting to share our students' progress and seek parents' intervention and support for making our students work towards meeting the curriculum standards and becoming adept and holistic learners who are ready to conquer this competitive world. I will also appreciate our dedicated staff who work tirelessly focusing on learner-centered lessons. Currently, our teachers are focused on preparing students for the Summative Assessments next month. We expect the parents to provide full-fledged support to their children in this regard.

Before concluding I would like to proudly share the news that our student **Adam Bassam Ichtay** from Year 12 is the **World Math topper in Cambridge IGCSE Exams** making our school one of the best educational institution of UAE and the world.

Here's to a fantastic Mid-term ahead!

Warm Regards,

Lana Koyi
Principal

Reach out @: principal@sips.ae

Ms. Bushra Afreen

HEAD OF SECONDARY



Dear SIPS Family!
Greetings!

I hope you all are good. Am thrilled to continue to share the innovative aspects of our school. With the beginning of Mid-Term our students faced the first FAs, these were held to make sure that they are aware of the assessment pattern and also share the progress they have made so far. We are also glad that students are very keen on taking up Support Classes to improve themselves academically, this we believe is crucial for us, as a school and a parent to help and support our students to succeed. Besides this, the wonderful initiatives being taken up in SIPS are not only encouraging our students to improve their public speaking skills but also providing them an opportunity to explore the world beyond classrooms! On this note, Am elated to mention that we are now Climate Action School 2023-24 and had our #FirstInternationalCollaboration as part of CAP 2023 where our students represented SIPS alongside 5 schools from different countries! Such opportunities will now be a regular feature of Teaching and Learning ensuring we integrate lessons for progress and attainment above curriculum standards through experiential learning.

We are also excited about the latest developments for our Senior Secondary and Sixth Form students in terms of shifting from Cambridge to Edexcel. Orientations are being done to ensure our school community understands and adapts to it (Edexcel), because our focus is benefiting our students and providing opportunities for their successful future.

And Yesssss! We have some exciting news and student empowerment initiatives coming up in November, so keep your fingers crossed and ensure that you keep yourselves updated by referring to circulars and other information from school communication desk on Paradigm and MS Teams.

Before I bid good bye, I would like to inform you all (parents and students) to get prepared for the Summative Assessments next month and ensure punctuality is maintained throughout the month for better learning outcomes!

We look forward to seeing our students' efforts filled with exuberance and elation by the end of this term!

Warm Regards

Ms. Afreen
Head of Secondary/Sixth Form

Reach out @: afreen-1112@sipsbr.onmicrosoft.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2023

MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1 SIBF VISIT YEAR 7 & 8 GIRLS	2 CLIMATE ACTION DAY	3 UAE FLAG DAY	4	5
6 IBT FOR MOE SECTION SIBF VISIT YEAR 9 & 10 BOYS	7 SIBF VISIT YEAR 7 & 8 BOYS	8	9	10	11	12
13 TALA ASSESSMENTS / WORLD KINDNESS DAY / ANTI-BULLYING WEEK	14	15	16 TERM 1 SUMMATIVE ASSESS- MENTS BEGIN	17	18	19
20 WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 UAE NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION	30 COMMEMO- RATION DAY			

Important Events:

1st Nov - SIBF Visit - Y7 & 8 Girls
 2nd Nov - Climate Action Day
 3rd Nov - UAE Flag Day
 6th Nov - IBT for MOE Section
 6th Nov - SIBF Visit - Y9 & 10 Girls
 7th Nov - SIBF Visit - Y7 & 8 Boys

13th Nov - Tala Ass., World Kind-
 ness Day, Anti Bullying Week
 16th Nov - Term 1 Summative
 Assessments begin
 20th Nov - World Children's Day
 29th Nov - UAE NATIONAL Day Celebrations
 30th Nov - Commemoration Day

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

مجلس الشارقة للتعليم الخاص
هيئة الشارقة للتعليم الخاص
SHARJAH PRIVATE EDUCATION AUTHORITY



Meeting with Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi



October was a month filled with achievements and significant events, as our school participated in the International Conference for Arabic Teachers, under the patronage and sponsorship of His Highness Sheikh Al-Qasimi, may God protect him. Among our students, Hamdan Mohammed and Omar Halimi from seventh grade, and student Leen Abdelghaffar from the third year, took part in the conference. His Highness Sheikh Al-Qasimi, the ruler of Sharjah, was impressed with our students and praised their performance. Dr. Mohdhat Al-Hashmi, the head of the Sharjah Education Council, also commended the student Leen Abdelghaffar. In addition, Academic Supervisor Mrs. Noha Al-Najjar conducted several training workshops during the conference in collaboration with other schools in Sharjah. In addition to many classroom activities that motivate students towards learning, facilitate information retention and understanding, and encourage students to actively participate with enthusiasm, the "Tahaduwa Tahabuwa" event in Islamic education had a significant impact on the students' spirits and improved their quality of life.

TEACHERS OF THE MONTH



**MR. MOHAMMED NADEEM
SCIENCE DEPT.**



**MR. AHMED ABDELMOTIE
ISLAMIC STUDIES DEPT.**



**MS. HALA FOUAD
ARABIC DEPT.**



**MR. TAMER MAGDY
ENGLISH DEPT.**



**MR. ROMEO L. SANTOS
MATH DEPT.**



**MS. UMBREEN ASIF
COMMERCE DEPT.**

ORIENTATION - EDEXCEL



To enlighten our students about Edexcel Curriculum and its implementation we invited Amanda the regional lead for sharing the details and clarifying students' doubts regarding its accreditation and university enrollments after completing their Y13. It was an engaging session with students curiosity and enthusiasm to know more about it and proceed further in choosing their field of studies.



WORLD TEACHERS DAY



It is this time of the year when teachers need a token of appreciation. The school management and Senior Leadership Team came together to thank the teachers by rewarding them through certificates of appreciation and souvenirs on behalf of the school. The teachers were all praises for the kind gesture of the school management and the Senior Leaders. They also enjoyed the special assembly held by the students. Teachers also wrote the gratitude messages on the tree of gratitude making them glad to be a part of our wonderful school.



CAT 4 ASSESSMENTS

Our first cohort of students from Year 8 and 10 appeared for the CAT4 Benchmark Assessments. They thoroughly enjoyed getting themselves assessed in Verbal Reasoning (VR), Non Verbal Reasoning (NVR), Quantitative Reasoning (QR), and Spatial Awareness (SA). This assessment helps the learners to identify their strengths and areas of improvement, letting them chose subjects they want to take up in Sixth Form.



We have prepared your child's CAT4 reports and invite you to a parent-teacher conference to discuss the report results. Please book an appointment with Ms. Hatice, Head of Assessment between 9 and 3.30 during the weekdays and if you want to meet her online, please contact her through her email below for an available slot. Your active involvement is vital to your child's success. We look forward to meeting with you!

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY / MUFTI DAY (YELLOW)

As the monthly trend of celebrating #MuftiDays continues in SIPS, this month we had the yellow color theme to celebrate it along side #WorldMentalHealthDay aiming to create awareness on the importance of #MentalHealth in this fast pacing world. Our students learned about promoting and protecting everyone's mental health. This brought immense joy to our students as they understood the importance of mental health in their lives



CAREER DAY



Career day in Secondary school was celebrated across Key Stage 3 and 4 with much fervour and enthusiasm. The classrooms transformed into diverse workspaces where dreams were brought alive and aspirations stood tall with students representing themselves as Architects, Doctors, Engineers, Scientists, Fashion Designers and much more. This task led the students to speak with eloquence and zeal about their future dreams and goals. A reminder by the teachers that the future is as bright as we choose to make, made the students see dreams with their open eyes!

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Students from Secondary school presented on the importance of #PinkOctober the #BreastCancerAwareness month through a special assembly and various awareness sessions across the school where they talked about how one can #DetectTo-Protect oneself from Breast Cancer. Our Senior leaders and school's medical team too talked about it at length and advised students to share their learning from today with their family and friends.



CLASS ACTIVITIES

The française



Read the Sines



CLIMATE ACTION PROJECT



As we continue to integrate this wonderful project, we would like to share very proudly that we have collaborated with international schools first time ever and our students shared their learning on how they are taking action to save planet Earth through sustainable art practices and products made out of recycled materials. Students were excited because they were given this opportunity to interact with students from schools in India, Kuwait, Taiwan, UAE and Syria.



ODD SOCKS DAY



SIPS is an inclusive school having staff and students from various cultural and ethnic backgrounds. Being an SDG school and supporting Goal #10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES we celebrated #OddSocksDay to instill the values of Respect and Kindness and make our students realize that all religion, caste, color, creed, race and regions does not matter when it comes to #BeingHuman. Odd Socks Day emphasizes on achieving #SDG10ReducedInequalities and enlightening our students on the importance of supporting humanity in all aspects.

OPEN HOUSE

SIPS held its first Open House welcoming parents to know about their child's progress hollistically. The teachers shared the progress tracker for their academic performance and guided the parents to make interventions for better learning outcomes. Apart from this, we also had Parent Orientation for TALA and MUBAKIR assessments by Ms. Hatice and Ms. Noha to enlighten about these mandatory benchmark tests for first language speakers of Arabic. It was day full of queries and solutions and also enlightenment on internal and external assessments for students.



Scientists in the making



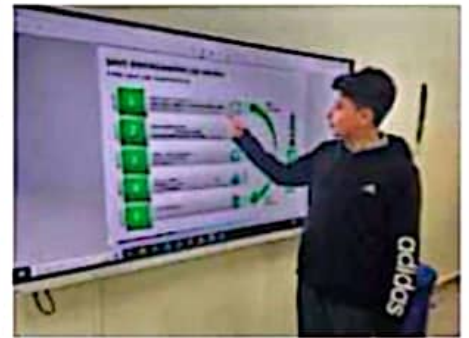
English Mania



Arabic & Islamic



Commerce



MEET THE HOD



MS. UZMA BEGUM

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT



I am Ms Uzma Begum. I hail from India, and I moved to the UAE almost three decades ago. I have found the country to be a safe haven, a home away from home. I have been teaching in this country, ever since. With Masters Degrees in both Education and English, I became a teacher by choice and passion. Both of my parents worked and retired as teachers, making me value the ethics that go in making what it takes to dedicate yourself to the students under your care. Students have always been a paramount matter to me, and that has made me close to them, all along. This is my twelfth year at SIPS! I am honoured to be a part of this esteemed organisation. Madam Sawsan had appointed me as an IGCSE ESL teacher. I have functioned as a Speaking Moderator for the past two decades. I was further promoted by her to head the department in the Key Stages 3 and 4. There was a short period of time when I had all the Key Stages with me.

I thank Ms Lana for her support with the English Department for her encouragement and appreciation of the effort we make as a department. We, as a department have welcomed the new staff members wholeheartedly as we work together in compliance with the changes we intend to bring. Together, we intend to achieve! Talking about my department, I have always taken pride in them and thanked them for their effort as we move one step higher a time to make all the difference we can with the children in our care. This is an age of transformation and change and language is a pervasive tool to be part of this change. We prioritize to improve the four 'Cs' of the 21st century, most importantly, communication. As we prepare our students towards their culminating goals, IGCSE English exams, we remind them that they are becoming adept to the syllabus with an Intent to learn English as a collection of skills they need, not just for their exams, but as part of their life-long learning voyage. The insight, the reflection and confidence are reaped as part and parcel of their learning journey under the mentorship of experienced hands within the English Department.

STAFF CORNER

SUSTAINABILITY SONG

*In a gown of blue and green, our Earth does stand,
A bride in need of help from every woman and man.
She's been crying, her tears are the rivers that flow,
We've got to make a change, it's time to let her know*

(Chorus)

*Oh, Earth, our beloved bride,
In your arms, we'll stand with pride.
Together we'll heal, side by side,
For your sustainability, we'll turn the tide.*

*Her forests are her veil, so rich and so green,
But they're disappearing fast, a fading dream.
Her oceans are her jewels, so deep and so wide,
But they're polluted and dying, we can't let that slide.*

*Let's reduce, reuse, recycle, and renew,
For the love of our Earth, there's so much we can do.
Clean the air, protect the land, and the sea,
For our beautiful bride, for you, and for me*

*The climate's changing, she's feeling the heat,
The storms are getting stronger, the fires won't retreat.
We must act now, it's a solemn vow,
To save our dear Earth, we'll make her smile somehow*

*With love and care, we'll mend what's been torn,
For our Earth, our bride, a new day is born.
Hand in hand, we'll protect, we'll provide,
For a sustainable future, we'll be your guide,
For a sustainable future, we'll be your guide.*

BY: MS. NERIAH HOD SCIENCE

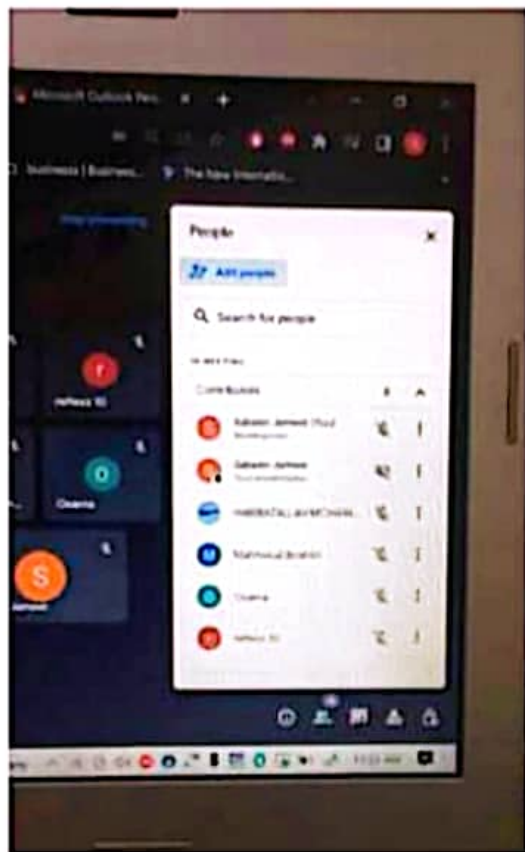
PROBLEMS IS BLUE
SOLUTION IS GREEN
CHORUS IN RED

STAFF CPD



SIPS believes in keeping its staff adept with regards to latest educational trends and developments. In line with school inspection framework we plan need based **C**ontinuous **P**rofessional **D**evelopment workshops to provide full support for improved Teaching and Learning across the school, impact of which can be seen in everyday lessons. Apart from this our staff was also trained for Health and Safety rules to be followed by the entire school community.

SUPPORT CLASSES



BRITISH COUNCIL **GOOD LUCK!** **Learn English Teens**
Reading skills practice: Job adverts - exercise

Do you need some cash? Are you looking for work? Don't look at these job adverts and do the exercises to improve your reading skills.

Preparation
 Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a letter to the numbers 1-6.

1. C cash	a. talkative
2. R a rarer	b. having a special ability or training
3. L chaty	c. an informal word for money
4. V valuable	d. very useful or important
5. F a career	e. a person who is being trained to do a job
6. D skilled	f. a person's chosen job and their work

JOBS

1. Custom Writing
 Do you need the skills to use the internet? For your school or college, you could be a good communication! Do you need a good writing skills? Can you write a letter?

2. Trainer hairdresser
 Full Time - 42 hours per week
 Brighton City Centre
 Have you ever thought of being a hairdresser? You will be trained to be a hairdresser. You will be able to cut, style and colour hair. You will also be able to use a hairbrush and a hair dryer. You will also be able to use a hairbrush and a hair dryer. You will also be able to use a hairbrush and a hair dryer.

3. CALLING ALL MODELS
 Have you ever thought of being a model? You will be able to wear a dress and a hat. You will be able to wear a dress and a hat. You will be able to wear a dress and a hat.

4. WORK FOR COFFEE BEANS
 Do you like coffee? You will be able to work for a coffee shop. You will be able to work for a coffee shop. You will be able to work for a coffee shop.

Viggo Sultan

www.britishcouncil.org/learnenglish/teens

Our focus remains on improving academics, hence we continue to provide support classes to all our students who need help and support in understanding the concepts. Parents can register for the support classes via the registration link on Paradigm and also sending email to their respective Form Teachers. We look forward to support our students in all aspects!

SIPS

MANDATORY PAID EXAMS BY SPEA

ALL PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

CAT4

- Provided by a UK company GL Learning
- Conducted for years K.S.1 and K.S.2
- Payment deadline extended to 30th Feb
- AED 30 per child
- Computer based test for writing skills in Arabic and English
- Administration will be done before each sitting

TALA

- Provided by a UK company Digipedia
- Conducted for years K.S.1 to K.S.2
- AED 45 per child
- Payment deadline: 30th Feb 2020
- Will be conducted in May
- Results will be shared before the time of test assessment

MUBAKKIR

- Provided by a UK company Digipedia
- Conducted for years K.S.1 and K.S.2
- AED 45 per child
- Payment deadline: 30th Feb 2020
- Will be conducted in May
- Results will be shared before the time of test assessment

PT EXAM SERIES

- Provided by UK company GL Learning
- Conducted for years K.S.1, K.S.2 and K.S.3
- Payment deadline: 30th Feb 2020
- Will be conducted in May
- Results will be shared before the time of test assessment

CAT4 TALA MUBAKKIR PT SERIES

FOR ALL THE ASSESSMENTS

- All of these exams are compulsory for the mentioned years by SPEA
- These exams are exactly the same across all schools in the region. The school fee made to charges is addition.
- If parents do not make the payment, their children will be unable to take children's exam
- SIPS BRER NOT assume any responsibility if the parents refuse to pay for the exam and the child does not sit the exam.
- Parents can make their payments online using SIPS V application

GL Education

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THESE MANDATORY BENCHMARK ASSESSMENTS

CONTACT-MS. HATICE HEAD OF ASSESSMENTS

Reach out @: hatice-1110@sipsbr.onmicrosoft.com

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is mandatory for students to come to school in proper uniform. P.E uniforms must be worn only on P.E days. Year 10 to 13 students can wear the P.E uniform only this academic year. Colourful jackets, track pants, colored shoes and casual clothing is strictly not allowed. Black and white shoes to be worn as applicable.

JEWELLERY AND MAKE UP

Fancy or any kind of make up is strictly not allowed. Girls can wear a small stud on their ears. No bangles, long earrings, necklaces, or rings to be worn. Applying Lip glosses and nail paints too are not allowed in school.

TIMINGS

Punctuality is crucial in developing child's holistic character. The school gates open at 7:00 am and class Assemblies, Attendance is marked during the form time which is up to 7:30 am. Classes according to the time table begin at 7:30 am. Please ensure thta your child reaches school on time and avoid being late.

Afternoon pick up timings are at 2:30 pm onwards. Parents are advised to pick up the child on time and inform the concern person in advance if there is any delay in picking up their child, this is very important as part of safety and well-being of our students.

DID YOU KNOW?



Did you know lions are identifiable through their whisker patterns?

Like humans and fingerprints, each lion has a whisker pattern unique to their nose, according to the New York Times. Back in the late '60s, researchers conducted a whisker hole identification method that involved overlapping photographs of lions' noses with a standard grid.

FUN TIME!



Riddle: What has many teeth, but can't bite?
Answer: A comb



