



12/11/2020

I hope you all had a pleasant week.

Winter Exam preparation

You will be pleased to know that teachers will be available from 2:30 until 16:00 in the afternoons for additional support. Students need to contact the teachers during class time or email the year leader whom will coordinate with the teachers. Teachers have different stay back days, so coordination is vitally important. This service has been available all year; however, students have not used it as it was intended. Bus transport during exams will only be available for year 11 students whom have paid for this service. Both North and South buses will be available on those days. Consult with Mr. Atef for further details.

Year 10 Exams

Please note that the year 10 winter examinations will be conducted **ONLINE** at home. This decision was taken considering all aspects of social distancing etc. which may have complicated arrangements at school. Your children's health and safety is our main priority. There may be some subjects where the teachers will require the students in year 10 to come to school. These exams will be arranged directly by the concerned staff.

Revised WINTER EXAM TIMETABLE

Due to the 29th and 30th that will be complete ONLINE days for the whole school, we decided to change the Timetable for the exams to support other operational arrangements made by the school. Please take note of the changes made to the 29th and 30th of November on the exam Timetable. **The revised Timetable will be placed on the Web page, was emailed to you and was posted on the notices section of Illumnus.**

Class attendance

It was observed that many students are not attending their online classes on a regular basis. Teachers and form teachers have been phoning parents but in some cases students are still not attending. Please monitor your child's attendance.



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Devices for exams

Parents please take note that it is your responsibility to provide your child with the correct device for the online teaching and exams. Students will have to be able to print and scan their work as was the case last year. At this stage I am sure all students are aware of the fact that all cameras must be turned on during the exams. Failing to do so will result in your child being disqualified from the exam. If we suspect children from cheating we, may require the rewrite of such a subject at school.

Year 11 IGCSE exam entries

The IGCSE exam entries will be concluded this week. The deadline was 12/11/2020 for internal registration. For any further queries regarding the dropping of subjects, we urge you to get hold of Ms. Pricilla on her email. Thank you for the online information session managed by Mr. Shaheer and Ms. Pricilla to discuss the subject choices for the various countries. If any Year 10 students qualify to enroll for IGCSE exams, they will be contacted individually.

VPN Applications

Since yesterday all VPN applications are banned in the school. I personally spoke to all online as well as the BL students present in school yesterday. **SHOULD STUDENTS BE CAUGHT WITH THIS ON A DEVICE AT SCHOOL, WE WILL CONFISCATE THE DEVICE FROM STUDENTS AND IT MAY NOT BE RETURNED.** We had major problems at school with students using these applications to access inappropriate sites and to have access to social media. I urge parents to go through the devices at home and to delete all VPNs.

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT Policy

The new behavior management policy is posted on the web page. I urge parents to take a moment and read through this important document.

GL TESTS

The GL tests commenced on the 12Th October 2020

THE BLENDED LEARNING STUDENTS WILL COMPLETE THEIR TESTS IN-SCHOOL THIS WEEK. Students must bring their own LAPTOPS and headsets as per the specs sent by Mr. Yamen and his team. We can only a handful of students in the LAB if you don't have a LAPTOP! Please let Mr. Raji know if we have to book a computer. First come first serve!! Raji.eltom@arabunityschool.ae



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PLEASE REFER TO THE FOLLOWING TIMETABLE FOR THE BLENDED LEARNERS:

DATE	YEAR GROUP	SECTOR
15 th November	9	NORTH
16 th November	10	SOUTH
17 th November	10	NORTH
18 th November	11	SOUTH
19 th November	11	NORTH

Please note we cannot change dates for individual students. If you are planning not to sit the test, please let Mr. Raji know on the mail mentioned above.

CAT 4 TESTS

The year 8 and 10 CAT4 tests will also be conducted during the month of November. Please consult the Exam Timetable. Arrangements have been put in place to send the codes to individual students.

A REMINDER:

If BL students fail to adhere to the current school rules, they will be asked not to join the blended learning cohort. They will be transferred to the online cohort. Their behavior poses a great Health and Safety risk if they do not adhere to the current rules.

IMPORTANT: We have now created email addresses for the year leaders. This will give you direct access to them and will help with any communication between the school and parents. I am still receiving many mails from parents on my school mail and personal mail. Please contact your year leaders first. Here are the email IDs for the various leaders:

yearleader7boys@auschool.ae

yearleader8boys@auschool.ae

yearleader9boys@auschool.ae

yearleader10boys@auschool.ae

yearleader11boys@auschool.ae



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These mail IDs are created for a professional discussion with the year leaders. I respectfully ask the community to deal with emails in this way. Some parents still believe emails are social media platform...

If you have any concerns, please complete a complaint/ comment form and mail to the appropriate staff member. If you email the school doctor, IT manager etc. with a concern in the year 7 boys, then it is expected for it to go unanswered.

I wish you a pleasant rest of the week and weekend.

Regards,

Dr Nelius Jansen van Vuuren

HEAD of SENIOR BOYS SCHOOL