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ALN NEWSLETTER

Congratulations! The ALN department had a challenging as well as exciting Second Term.

The Second Term, despite the unfortunate cases of Covid, was full of surprising and joyful events for our students. We implemented the Curriculum-based lessons and students adapted to the new Timetables based on all Learning Areas. We finished this Term with assessments of all subjects and the student's IEP goals, in order to follow their progress and provide up-to-date feedback to our parents.

- We started the new Term with a Popcorn and Movie Day to accommodate Leisure Activities and let it smoothly transit into the Learning Areas.
- We had in the ALN Department a Sports Day Competition and promoted the importance of Physical Education for students of all ages.
- We celebrated Book Week and as many of our students are book lovers, everyone had a chance to bring and present his own favourite book or dress-up as their favourite character. Our students organized a play, 'Snow White' and had an outstanding performance, which was attended by Staff, the Head of ALN and the Principal.
- During our quarantine period, we implemented new strategies to improve our support at home and will take the constructive criticism, which we received to build for future any upcoming situation.
- We grew from 2 classes to 4; with new groupings of classes can provide more specialized teaching to address specific needs.
- A new teacher has joined the ALN Team recently and we are happy to inform you, we will open the 5th class in the 3rd term.
- We ended the 2nd Term on a high note by celebrating World Down Syndrome Day. The ALN Team arranged the "Rock your Socks Day" and invited all PSI Staff and students from Primary and Secondary to wear their craziest mismatched socks on Thursday all to help raise awareness of Down Syndrome and promote that every one of us is different and unique in our own way.

We are prepared and ready for the 3rd term and excited to announce our planned upcoming events:

- ❖ If allowed at the time, more inclusive interaction for our ALN students with the rest of our PSI Community
- ❖ ALN participating in the Spelling Bee inclusive competitions
- ❖ International Day to promote countries all around the world
- ❖ Autism Awareness Month in April to raise awareness and understanding of our heroes

Kind regards

Ms Elena

Head of ALN



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Dear Parents,

It's been a very challenging and changeable term. However, despite this, we have had another fantastic term of learning at PSIS. The children have worked exceptionally hard and they should be very proud of themselves. Our children have coped incredibly well with both blended learning and remote learning. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing what they have been learning in class and online and delighted to see their happy faces around the school.

We have had some successful events in Early years and Primary including: Book week, Spelling Bee competition, Author visit, Superhero day and Reading Challenge. Both the Spelling Bee competition and Reading challenge will continue next term, and more children will have the opportunity to showcase their talent and passion for reading.

We are looking forward to an exciting Summer term ahead and have some great events lined up for our students including:

- Interactive storytelling Workshops
- International Day (Where children will get to celebrate diversity and other cultures)
- Ramadan events (More detail to be shared by Primary Arabic Team)
- EYFS Stay and Play event
- Year 6 and Reception Graduation ceremonies.

Thank you once again for your continuous support, patience and understanding this term.

Have a restful two-week break.

Chameli Ahmed

Head of Primary

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27th March 2021

Dear Parents,

As we have reached the end of second term, I would like to congratulate all our students and teachers who have shown great resilience, determination, and persistence to face all the challenges we've encountered with many teachers and students being in quarantine; yet no one gave up and we have all worked as one team and one family supporting each other.

Report cards

Report cards will be shared with parents Thursday 15th April. Students who missed their exams and have a valid reason will sit for make-up exams when we come back from the spring vacation. Make-up exams will take place in the Multipurpose Hall from 13:00 till 14:30 on Sunday 11TH April for group A and Monday 12th April for group B.

External Exams and Mocks

Year 11 and Year 12 students will be sitting school-based assessments (Mocks) which will contribute to 75% of the predicted that we will share with the exam boards; this is only related to Edexcel subjects as Cambridge exams will still take place. Students will be assessed on all topics and components they have covered at school. Please find attached a copy of the Mock timetable.

Please find below PSIS five-week plan for Year 11 and Year 12 students

- 1. 11th- 23rd April: Revision week all Year 11 and 12 students should be in school as normal
- 2. 25th April- 25th May: Mock exams
- 3. The predicted grade will be submitted to the examination boards (Edexcel/Pearson) by Friday 18 June. This grade cannot be shared with parents or students.

Examination Board Update for Parents of students in Year 11 and Year 12

Pearson has published some support materials for parents that you can find here <u>Support for students</u>, <u>parents and carers | Pearson qualifications</u>

Spring Camp

As we are strongly committed to guiding and supporting our students through their academic journey especially during these challenging times. Therefore, the school is offering extra lessons with Year 11 and Year 12 to practice more past papers and improve all skills (time management, critical thinking, analysis and interpretation...) in order to achieve outstanding results. Kindly find attached a copy of the Spring Support Camp, which runs throughout the Spring Break. All Year 11 and 12's are required to attend the necessary subject revision session.

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Progress Test

KS3 and Year 10 students will sit for Progress tests in English, Maths and Science (PTE, PTM and PTS), these tests are done to measure academic progress. Further details regarding the test and the dates will be shared by the Academic Coordinator.

Uniform and Mobile phone

Kindly could I please ask families to ensure their children have the correct uniform: the footwear is smart, with no logos and training shoes are not permitted. Mobile phones are not allowed at school, they should be handed in to the Head of Secondary's assistant in the morning and collect it during home time. If any mobile phone is confiscated, it will be collected after one week by the parent from the Head of Secondary.

Ramadan Timings

The Holy Month of Ramadan is due to start around Mid-April. For Muslim and Non-Muslim students this is an excellent opportunity for them to think about self- discipline and consideration of other people. Non-Muslim students will be allocated a special room during the break time. The timings will be forwarded before the end of next week.

May you and your family have a Ramadan filled with peace and serenity.

Earth Hour

The event is held annually encouraging individuals, communities, and businesses to turn off non-essential electric lights to symbolise a commitment to the planet. It will take place tonight from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Let's all participate in this event and save our planet for future generations.

Key Dates

- 25th March-10th April: Spring Break
- 25th April- 25th May: IGCSE Mocks
- 25th April-18th May: AS Mocks
- 7th 15th May: Eid Al Fitr Break

Yours Sincerely

Mrs. Janet Akar

Head of Secondary

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April Camp Schedule

<u>Year 11</u>

Day	Session 1 8:00 – 10:00		Session 2 10:30 – 12:30
Sunday 28 th March	Physics Room 132 Mr. Clive	10:30	English First Language Room 118 Mr. John
Monday 29 th March		10:00	Physics Room 132 Mr. Clive
Tuesday 30 th March	English First Language Room 118 Mr. John	Break Time	Biology Room 103 Ms. Janet
Wednesday 31 st March	History Room 132 Ms. Kendra	Bre	Business Studies Room 118 Ms. Viaksha
Thursday 1 st April	Biology Room 103 Ms. Janet		

<u>Year 12</u>

Day	Session 1 8:00 – 10:00		Session 2 10:30 – 12:30
Sunday 28 th March	Psychology Room 132 Ms. Bushra		Business Studies Room 118 Ms. Viaksha
Monday 29 th March	Business Studies Room 118 Ms. Viaksha	- 10:30	Psychology Room 132 Ms. Bushra
Tuesday 30 th March	Psychology Room 132 Ms. Bushra Physics Room 103 Ms. Janet	Break Time 10:00 -	Global Perspectives Room 118 Ms. Viaksha
Wednesday 31 st March	Physics Room 103 Ms. Janet		Psychology Room 132 Ms. Bushra
Thursday 1 st April	Psychology Room 132 Ms. Bushra		Physics Room 103 Ms. Janet

IGCSE Mocks Timetable (18 th April-1 st May 2021)									
Day	Date	Time	Exam - 1	Time	Exam – 2	Time	Exam – 3		
Sunday	25-4-2021	8:30-9:20 8:30-9:20	French – Listening (50min) CIE Arabic Second Language Listening (50min)	10:00-10:50	English Second Language- Listening (50min)	11:30-12:30 11:30-13:30	CIE Physics P6 (1h) History P1 (2 h)		
Monday	26-4-2021	8:30-10:00 8:30-9:30 9:30-10:30	CIE Math Extended Paper 1(1h30min) French P2 (1h) French P4 (1h)	11:00-13:15 11:00-12:00	Arabic 1 st Language—Paper 1 (2h15 min) CIE Arabic Second Language P2 (1h)				
Tuesday	27-4-2021	8:30-10:45 8:30-10:30	English First Language (2h 15m) English Second Language (2h)	11:00-13:00 11:00-12:30	History P2 (2h) CIE Business Studies – P 1(1h 30m)				
Wednesday	28-4-2021	8:30-10:30 8:30-10:30 8:30-11:00	Math – Higher Paper 2 (2h) Math – Foundation Paper 2 (2h) CIE Math Extended Paper 2(2h30min)	11:00-12:00 11:00-12:00	CIE Arabic Second Language P4 (1h) History-P4 (1h)				
Thursday	29-4-2021	8:30-10:00	English First language P2 (1h30 min)	11:00-1:30	Geography P4 (1h30min)				
Sunday	2-5-2021	8:30-10:30	Chemistry – Paper 1 (2h)	11:00-12:45	Geography – P1 (1h 45m)				
Monday	3-5-2021	8:30-10:30 8:30-10:15	Biology – Paper 1 (2h) Human Biology- Paper 1 (1h45min)	11:00-12:30	Geography – P2 (1h 30m)				
Tuesday	4-5-2021	8:30-10:30 8:30-9:15	CIE Physics P21 (45min)						
Wednesday	5-5-2021	8:30-10:00	CIE Business Studies – Paper 2 (1h 30m)						
Thursday	6-5-2021	8:30-9:45	CIE Physics P41 (1h15min)						
Wednesday	19-5-2021	8:30-9:45	Chemistry– Paper 2 (1h15min)	11:00-12:30	Business Studies – P 1 (1h 30m)				

Thursday	20-5-2021	8:30-10:30	Physics – 1 Paper (2h)	12:00-13:30	Arabic 1st Language–Paper 2 (1h 30m)	
Sunday	23-5-2021	8:30-10:00	Business Studies – Paper 2 (1h 30m)	11:00-12:15 11:00-12:45	Biology – Paper 2 (1h15min) Human Biology- Paper 2 (1h45min)	
Monday	24-5-2021	8:30-10:30 8:30-10:30	Math – Higher Paper 1 (2h) Math – Foundation Paper 1 (2h)	12:00-13:30	ICT Theory – (1h30)	
Tuesday	25-5-2021	8:30-9:45	Physics – Paper 2 (1h15min)	11:00-14:00	ICT – Practical A (3h)	



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A level Mocks Timetable (25 th April-18 th May 2021)									
Day	Date	Time	Exam - 1	Time	Exam – 2	Time	Exam – 3		
Sunday	25-4-2021	8.30-10:00	Chemistry-P1 (1h30min)	10:30-12.45	English Language Reading (2h15min)	13:00-14:30 13:00-14:45	Computer Science P1 (1h30min) IAL Physics P4 (1h45min)		
Monday	26-4-2021	8.30-10:00	Math- P1 (1h30min)	10.30-12.00	Global Perspective (1h30min)				
Tuesday	27-4-2021	8.30-10:00	Biology-P1 (1h30min)	10.30-13.00	Arabic-P1 (2h30min)	13:30-15:30 13:30-15:15	Computer Science P2 (2h) Physics P5 (1h45min)		
Sunday	2-5-2021	8.30-10:00	Physics-P1 (1h30min)	10:30-12:00	Psychology-P1 (1h30min)		,		
Monday	3-5-2021	8.30-10:30	Business-P1 (2h)	11:00-12:20	Biology-P3 (1h20min)	12:30-15:30	Arabic-P2 (3h)		

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A level Mocks Timetable (18 th April-1st May 2021)									
Day	Date	Time	Exam - 1	Time	Exam – 2	Time	Exam – 3		
Tuesday	4-5-2021	8.30-10:00	Chemistry-P2 (1h30min)	10:30-12:30	English Language Writing (2h)	13:00-14:20	Chemistry P3 (1h20min)		
Wednesday	5-5-2021	8.30-10:00 8.30-10:00	Math – P2 (1h30min) Maths-P3 (1h30min)			12:00-13:45	Biology P4 (1h45min)		
Sunday	16-5-2021	8.30-10:00	Biology-P2 (1h30min)			12:00-13:20	Physics P3 (1h20min) Physics P6 (1h20min)		
Monday	17-5-2021	8.30-10:00	Physics-P2 (1h30min) Maths- P4 (1h30min)	10:30-12:00	Psychology-P2 (1h30min)	12:00-13:45	Biology P5 (1h45min)		
Tuesday	18-5-2021	8.30-10:00	Maths S1 (1h30min)	10:30-12:30	Business-P2	12:00-13:20	Biology P6 (1h20min)		

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