

13th April 2018

Important Dates

April

13-15	DofE Silver Award Expedition
13	PTO Mums' Night Out (<i>Re-scheduled from 1 March</i>)
16-20	ES Art & Writing Fair
17	PTO Spring General Meeting & AGM, 8:30am
17	IBI Group 4 Project Gallery Walk & Poster Session, 4:00-5:00pm
17	Grade 11 Class Trip Parent Meeting, 5:00pm
19	ES Open House, 6:30-8:00pm
20	HS Field Day
21-22	DofE Bronze Award Expedition
25	Last Day of Classes for Grade 12 Students
27	Teacher In-Service – No School for Students
30	Last Day for 2017-18 Yearbook Orders

► From the Head of School

Dear Parents,

Last week during Spring break, I returned to Toronto to make arrangements to move back to Canada with my family this coming summer. Inevitably, we all have to plan for the future and do our best to prepare for what lies ahead. However, it is easy to get preoccupied with scenarios or possible outcomes for the future and perhaps too much time can be spent planning for upcoming events, worrying about things that are out of our control or revisiting memories from the past, rather than living in the moment.

Time spent thinking about negative, bygone situations, seems like a waste of such a precious commodity as time. Irregardless of the need to plan for my upcoming move, I've made a commitment to do my best to be in the present moment for my remaining days in Scotland. The present is the only time that we can control or that is real, why not make the most of it! While it is nearly impossible to not have our thoughts split between several different tasks, planning the future or reliving the past, it seems a worthwhile goal to live more in the moment.

With that in mind, my hope for our IB2 students, who may be considering different scenarios as a result of their final exams, is that they focus on the task at hand; preparing for and writing their exams and putting forth their best effort, rather than worrying about the outcome of their exams. I encourage all of our students from PreK-12 to continue their efforts right through to the end of the school year and take advantage of all that ISA has to offer. Parents, please take a moment to encourage your children to take advantage of these final two months at ISA, to learn from their

teachers and each other, and to finish the year in a positive way academically and with respect to their interactions with others.

I hope you have the opportunity to be present with your children this coming weekend and enjoy their individuality and special talents and savour a few precious moments of this unique time in their childhood.

Kind regards,

Sarah Bruce
Head of School

▶ **From the MS/HS Principal**

Dear Middle/High School Parents,

I hope you had a pleasant break and your children returned refreshed for the final part of the school year. There is a lot to look forward to, and fit into, these last few weeks.

As you read this, several of our Grade 10 and 11 students will be in the hills walking their routes for the Duke of Edinburgh Silver award, and the following weekend a Bronze trip goes out. This programme is a great opportunity for young people to develop existing passions or to try new things and grow in confidence. Students currently in Grade 8 will be eligible to join the scheme in August and, if interested, they should speak to current participants or Mr Crock to find out more. On Thursday this week, the EcoSchools Committee met to discuss the progress being made towards the goals it identified earlier this year. 'Green' living is about much more than recycling, and the students involved in this Committee are able to work with other members of our community to ensure environmentally sound practices are built into our daily routines and that sustainable development is taught in our curriculum. It has been particularly pleasing to see our older students working on projects with students lower down the School on projects.

With these two themes in mind and the recent improvement in the weather, I would encourage families to take advantage of the beautiful area in which we live. Often I forget how lucky we are to have forested hills around us, deserted beaches close by and the Cairngorms just a stone's throw away. A walk in the fresh air can do a great deal for the well-being of a child, and is a good way to spend time together as a family.

Angus Carmichael
MS/HS Principal

▶ **From the Elementary Principal**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope holiday plans went well, and the time off was very rewarding for everyone. The children have certainly come back refreshed and full of enthusiasm. The teachers have commented on how well their students have started the fourth quarter. We all look forward to the final quarter of the school year, with high expectations for continued student progress. The third quarter reports were mailed on Friday.

• **Art and Science Fair**

During the week of 16th -20th April, a special event is taking place to help us celebrate both Art and Writing. All the classes are currently busy with plans to make for a most memorable week. Parents, we want you to reserve 19th April in your diary. From 6:30-8:00pm on that Thursday evening, you are warmly invited to an informal Open House evening where you can look at ISA artwork and see student work in other subjects, especially writing. In one display all of the students have written about someone they admire. (It seems that Mums top the list!)

All the Elementary boys and girls are encouraged to act as tour guides for their parents. We look forward to your visit on 19th April. The faculty recognises that busy schedules might make it difficult for every Elementary parent to attend the Open House. Therefore, we also extend an invitation to all parents to drop in after school from 17th April to view students' work. We're delighted to give you the opportunity to help us to rejoice in the accomplishments of all of our young students. Look out for more details about our Art and Writing Fair in teacher newsletters.

• **Conference Follow-up**

Parents, please review with your child the key goals set during the recent Parent-Teacher Conferences. To make the most of the final quarter, we hope to keep a strong focus on the ambitious plans set for student growth. As always, parent support is essential for high levels of success.

Best regards,

Don Newbury
Elementary Principal

► **From the IBDP Co-ordinator**

Students in Grade 11 have been working collaboratively on the trans-disciplinary Group Four science project this month. Teams of 4 students have been investigating 'Sustaining our World', but the final research question for each team was their own selection. The work culminates in a poster evening on Tuesday, 17th April from 4:00-5:00pm outside the Library on the first floor. If you are able to attend, please stop by and ask the students about their work. Refreshments will be provided.

The last day of classes for Grade 12 students is Wednesday, 25th April. Students in Grade 12 not doing external IB exams should liaise with their class teacher about final assessments in those subjects. The IB exams start on Tuesday, 1st May and run until Friday, 18th May. Students should be aware that some afternoon exams will run past 3:00pm, and so they will not be able to take school transport home on those days. Please ensure your son or daughter arrives at school in good time for their exams each day.

Finally, a reminder of the importance for Grade 11 students to keep on track with their Extended Essays. Data collection and research should be undertaken this semester so they can leave for the summer break with a clear idea of what they need to write. Students will have an EE work morning with their supervisor on 12th June.

Jennifer Purpura

► From the Fine Arts Department

The Fine Arts Department is rescheduling the date of the MS Arts Night to Wednesday, 6th June. The art exhibit will start at 6:00pm in the Upper Corridor outside The QET, with the drama and music performances starting at 6:30pm in The QET.

This events showcases the work of the Middle School art, drama, band and choir students.

Please mark your calendars!!

Lots of great things towards the end of the year in the Fine Arts Department! Watch this space and the digital display board outside The Queen Elizabeth Theatre for event days and times!

ISA Fine Arts Department

► From the School Nurse

Hi everyone, hope you all had a great break.

There are a few G9/10/11/12 students who have immunisations on Monday, 16th April and I am still chasing up some forms. Thanks for your help with this.

With illness in mind, I cannot emphasise enough the necessity to register with a GP here in Aberdeen. Unfortunately, the hospitals are so overwhelmed that they frown upon people who have minor illnesses turning up at A&E. If you cannot get a GP appointment (I know how hard that can be), you can always attend the minor ailments service at your local pharmacy.

I do hope that this information really helps.

Have a great weekend.

Karen
School Nurse



► From the National Honor Society

Thank you to all for your support of our various events this year including 'Trunk or Treat', Trivia Night, and the car wash. We have decided to donate the money that we have raised this year to two charities: **Northsound Cash for Kids** which benefits children here locally in Aberdeen, and **Romanian Children's Relief** which benefits children and families in need and works to prevent child abandonment in Romania. We were able to donate £500 to each charity this year! We look forward to seeing everyone at our events next school year!

Luke Klopp
NHS Adviser



Dear Parents,

Due to the success of the previous clothes drive, we have decided to hold another one for the Blue Door!

The Blue Door is a charity that supports the Camphill Wellbeing Trust organisation by aiming to raise £60,000 each year in order to support their services; they do so by selling various items donated to them, including jewellery and bric-a-brac.

We will bring out tubs for collection on the 13th and 20th April, and give our donations at the end of the month. Please ensure that the clothing is in good condition, and that they are brought before 8:20am to the collection point. Also, feel free to bring any jewellery, board games, and shoes you may want to clear out that are in good condition.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Joannes Madu
G11



snapchats don't
last forever... BUT
YEARBOOKS DO!

BUY YOURS
TODAY £25
LAST DAY: APRIL 30.

Did you notice the last day to order??

It's April 30th!

so

ACT NOW!

You can pay for your Yearbook (£25) ...

in the Business Office (cash, cheque, or card)
or online with your ISA iPayimpact account



What's New This Week

13th April 2018

Welcome back to the final summer term, we can hardly believe there are only 9 weeks of school left!!! We have a few important dates to mention, our AGM is on Tuesday 17th April at 8.30am, everyone is welcome to come. You can also hear how the enrichment money for 2017/18 has been spent!

A small reminder, we have a reserved area at Dusk Bar tonight (Friday 13th) from 7.30pm, all mum's are very warmly invited!

Melinda Hulm
PTO President
pto@isa.aberdeen.sch.uk



Tuesday 17th April

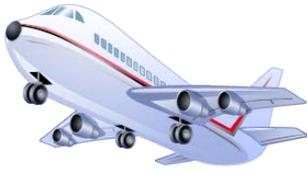
AGM

8.30am @ Multi-purpose Room

Coffee, Tea and Breakfast treats.
Vote on slatted PTO candidates for 2018/19 &
hear where our enrichment money was
spent this school year

Advertising to ISA Community

Do you have a business, service or community project which you would to tell the ISA community about? Email us - pto@isa.aberdeen.sch.uk



Leaving ISA in June or sooner?

Please complete the attached Withdrawal Form and return it to Mary Rayne (Elementary) or Annette Brand (Middle/High) as soon as possible.

This will ensure that all student records are ready in time for your departure and that we have your forwarding details.

If you think you **may** be leaving but this has not yet been confirmed, please could you let us know? This will help us to be prepared for you and in no way jeopardises your child's place at ISA.

Non-Corporate Fee Payers are obliged to provide 60 days written notice of withdrawal, sent for the attention of the Head of School with a copy to the ISA Business Office.

Thank you.

Mary Rayne
Annette Brand





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Please complete and email to either: Annette Brand (Middle/High School Secretary) at abrand@isa.aberdeen.sch.uk or Mary Rayne (Elementary School Secretary) at mrayne@isa.aberdeen.sch.uk

FAMILY NAME:		WITHDRAWAL DATE (or estimated if not confirmed):
STUDENT'S NAME:		GRADE:
RECEIVING SCHOOL: (NAME & ADDRESS)		
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STUDENT'S NAME:		GRADE:
RECEIVING SCHOOL: (NAME & ADDRESS)		
COMPANY:		
FAMILY FORWARDING ADDRESS: (if new address is unknown, please supply an alternative e.g. relative/friend)		
EMAIL ADDRESS:		

Any confidential psychological or educational psychology assessments will be handed directly to parents in a sealed envelope to present to the receiving schools.

PARENT SIGNATURE (permission to release records):	DATE:
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