



JUMEIRAH COLLEGE SECONDARY SECTION

Newsletter

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Introduction

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter, which is published during the first week of each month. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide a means of communication between the college and home on organisational matters and to share the many good experiences and successes of Jumeirah College students. The students themselves write some of the news reports.



Our Open Day for prospective students and parents was a big success again this year. It was our great pleasure to welcome hundreds of visitors for the afternoon. My thanks go to all of the teaching and non-teaching staff who worked tirelessly leading up to the afternoon and during it. Many thanks also to the students who stayed to help out and represented the college and themselves so well. I received an immense amount of positive feedback from the Year 6 students and their parents. As our reputation continues to grow Jumeirah College really is becoming the first choice school for an increasing number of families.

During Open Week Year 10 students toured prospective parents around the school so that they could see a normal school day. I met all parents at the end of each tour and again received hugely complimentary comments about the college and especially the quality of our Year 10 students. Well done to Charlotte Miller,

Rebecca Kemp, Meryl Turner, Laura Whitehead, Tom Eveleigh, Charlotte Kjaedegaard, Joanne Al Samarae, Nima Nirouza, Megan Fletcher, Olga van Ravesteyn and Sarah Gaskin for the way in which they represented the college.



Finally, may I remind you to let us know as soon as possible if there is a chance your child may not be returning for the Spring Term. We have a waiting list of parents who are trying to relocate to Dubai pending school places.

Shaun Williams

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Sixth Form Information Evening

**Monday 22 November 2003 at
7.00pm in the Main Hall**

Prospective students from all schools and their parents are cordially invited to attend.

There will be a presentation on the new sixth form, the courses on offer and entry requirements.

Subject teachers will be available for individual discussions.

Web Site

After many delays and false starts the new Jumeirah College web site has now gone live and can be found at www.jc-dxb.sch.ae. It has been professionally designed for us by a company called Crew Computers, but will be maintained by Mr. Munshi our Head of ICT. Obviously, the site will develop and evolve over time as we look for continuous improvement. If you have any suggestions please email Mr Munshi at webmaster@jcdubai.sch.ae.

Parents Forum

Parents' forums are held once per term. They are an opportunity for up to 10 parents to meet with Mr Williams and other members of the Senior Management Team to discuss school related issues. The next one will be held on Saturday 29 November at 9.00am. If you would like to participate please call Mrs Liz Duquenoy to add your name to the list.

Lost Property

We have accumulated a large amount of lost property since the start of term. Some of our Duke of Edinburgh Award students have volunteered to sift through it and return all named items as part of their community service. They are then going to sell what is left for charity. If you have missing items please check the lost property store before it is too late!

Road Safety

In order to ease traffic congestion may we again remind parents of years 9, 10 and 11 students that they are to drop off and pick up at the rear gate. Thank you for your cooperation.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Natascha Rodd 9CD and Hannah Garrod 9AC who both had pieces of art work selected for charity greeting cards published by Al Greetings. Cards featuring Natascha's painting of the Burj Al Arab and Hannah's photograph of Jumeirah Beach will be available from school in the near future.

World Citizenship

As a member of the GEMS group of schools, all activities at JC should be under-pinned by the four core values of the group. In the first of a series of articles on these values, and how they affect different departments in the school, we will look at 'World Citizenship' and show how the

English Department supports this element in its work.

Mr Marshall, Head of English, says: "Of course, for English teachers there is nothing new in the idea of 'World Citizenship' and to a certain extent, that is what literature is all about! Specifically, however, through the study of literature and literary non-fiction at KS3 and KS4, we look at the way in which writing has something to tell us about how we live our lives. We aim to help students develop a global understanding using texts and teaching materials, which deliver a broad perspective on life based on the writings and culture of English speakers and writers world-wide. Occasionally, to provide some balance to the perspective, it is interesting to include writing translated from languages other than English.

If 'World Citizenship' has to have any real meaning, it is essential to recognise, acknowledge and respect cultural differences while exploring the extent to which human beings have more in common with each other than may at first appear to be the case. In this respect, it is difficult sometimes to separate 'World Citizenship' and 'Universal Values' another of the core values.

Writing from other cultures, and other times, forms an important part of the National Curriculum requirements for teaching English but within its broad framework, care is taken to respect the culture of the UAE in the choice of texts."

Next month, the Maths department will explain how their work supports another of the core values of the school.

Did You Know...?

We now have a netball team playing in the 3rd division of the Ladies League, which is played at Exiles Rugby Club. The captain, Emily Garrod has taken on the responsibility of designing the kit. The team have played 6 games, won 2 and lost 4. Other teams in the league have welcomed them and have commented on their enthusiasm for netball and their sportsmanship. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Garrod from **Clyde and Co** for sponsoring our team kit and we wish the girls good luck for their remaining games.

Eid al Fitr

The latest information we have suggests 24, 25 and 26 November as public holidays. This has caused us to rearrange some of our reporting dates. Please look at the last page of this newsletter for the revised dates.

PE News

It was a busy start to the sporting year for the P.E. Department with 3 girls' teams and 2 boys' teams already playing matches in the Dubai Schools Basketball League. Girls have started well with the Under 15's already having won one match and lost another and the Seniors recently defeated DC on their own court, a great achievement. Boys have worked hard for little reward with Seniors having lost both of their matches and Under 15's winning against Rashid but losing against EIS. There is still plenty of action left and our teams would love more support at any of their matches.

Boys' football teams are already involved in the Schools Cup and although the Seniors and U13's have not played to date, the Under 15's have lost recently to a strong DAA side. The U13 A and B teams acquitted themselves well against DC in friendly matches, as did our Year 7 team who narrowly lost to their rivals.

The JC Swimming Squad competed in the Camp Oz Swimming Gala on October 9 and 10 hosted at JC, along with the Dubai Speedo Swim Team, American School of Dubai, The American International School, Muscat and Kuwait High School. We had a very strong squad and many swimmers managed to beat their personal bests. All swimmers who came 1st, 2nd or 3rd will receive their medals in the Year Group Assemblies in November. Results of individual positions can be seen on the sports board in the P.E area.

Well done to all of the swimmers involved.



G.C.S.E. P.E. students have been introduced to the delights of swimming fully-clothed whilst performing Personal Survival skills.

After-school and lunch-time sports activities continue to be popular and over-subscribed.

Ski Trip

Together with Miss Phillips and Mr. Marfleet, Mr. Forsythe will lead a group of 30 students to the magnificent resort of Verbier in Switzerland in February where they can learn to ski or snowboard and enjoy all that is on offer at a top ski resort. There are still one or two places left, please contact Mr. Forsythe for details.

Jumeirah College Wild Wadi New Friends Day

This event marked the end of the Induction Process for the 143 new Year 7 students. During this exciting and challenging time the students successfully made the transition from Primary School to Secondary School. Under the guidance of their Form Tutors the students worked hard to get to know the other students within their new form class and familiarize themselves with the basic routines and expectations at Jumeirah College.

The New Friends Day at Wild Wadi on the 1st October gave the students and Tutors the chance to get to know other students across the year to widen their friendship groupings and have a day of fun in the sun. The students had exclusive access to the tremendous facilities and rides at Wild Wadi for the morning session and thoroughly enjoyed their free time.

There was also an educational element to the day. As part of Jumeirah College's Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education Programme the students participated in Sun and Water Safety Workshops which were presented by the excellent staff at Wild Wadi. The students then did some follow-up work on this as part of our whole-school health promotion.

We would like to thank our sponsors for their support in organizing what I am sure the Jumeirah College Year 7 students would agree was an enjoyable and educational day out with their new friends. We intend to make New Friends Day at Wild Wadi an annual event.

The New Friends Day was sponsored by **Gray Business Communications, Wild Wadi, Deira City Centre, Microsoft, Hawaiian Tropic and Arabian Radio Network.**

Congratulations to Leon Single 7RS who won the Wild Wadi Sun and Water Safety poster competition held as a follow-up activity to the New Friends at Wild Wadi Day. Our thanks to Nurse Ferguson, who undertook the demanding task of judging so many excellent entries. Leon won a day pass to return to Wild Wadi.

Library News

There will be a sale of Motivate books in the library on Wednesday 19 November from about 10.00am until 2.00pm. For those of you new to the region, Motivate is a good local publisher in Dubai, which concentrates on publications about the Gulf region and the culture here. They usually offer very good prices at these annual sales, and have a new 2003 catalogue available. These make excellent "coffee table" presents for the coming festive season, if you're planning to head home!

All students and parents are welcome to come up to the library, and to browse in the book sale.

A Christmas Carol

The Jumeirah College whole school production this year is *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. With a huge cast of students from Years 7 to 10 as well as all those providing technical support, this year's extravaganza is a play with music, which has been adapted especially for the JC stage. There will be two matinee performances for primary schools and three evening performances on Sunday 7th, Monday 8 and Tuesday 9 December.

JCPS Charity Ball

With your help the inaugural JCPS Charity Ball will be the social event to be seen at in the lead up to the Christmas period. Taking place on **Thursday 4 December at the Fairmont Hotel** this Black Tie Ball will not only be a social event to remember it is expected that it will generate 40,000 Dhs for the school's supported charities of the Red Crescent Society, the Rashid Pediatric Therapy Centre and the Al Noor Training Centre for children with Special Needs.

Tickets priced Dhs 225 will go on sale from Sunday, November 9. Each morning from 7.30 - 8.15a.m. a member of the organising committee will be under the covered walkway by the Nursery. Please enter the school via the Park & Shop gate.

We will offer a cocktail reception, followed by an International Buffet Dinner with wine (4 bottles per table), dancing, and fabulous raffle prizes.

You are able to 'book' tables of 8 on a first come first served basis or if you are unable to raise a full table the committee will ensure you are seated with a 'good crowd'. You will be most welcome to invite friends who are not JC parents.

The committee are still looking for prizes for the raffle so if you know of anyone who might be willing to donate a prize for the raffle please contact Mrs Sharin Gaille 050 6559605.

Your support will be very much appreciated.

Chris Wright

Head of Primary Section

Student Council

After a closely fought election campaign we now have a democratically elected student council. The views of the Student Council will inform the thinking of the school Senior Management Team. The elected Student Council Reps are:

7AP	Megan Mileham	7SC	Holly Myers
7RS	Stuart Gordon	7YS	Nitya Lund
7DH	Conor O'Kelly	7LA	Simran Kang
7RW	Rachael Crabb		

8NB	Fraser Bodie	8DK	Alex Taylor
8MA	Montana Sheikh	8IBM	Sarah Yates
8PY	Dominique Van Zyl		

9AC	Tarun Gidoomal	9SHP	Dawid Louw
9JD	Natalie Stevenson	9AF	Amar Radia
9CD	Robyn Steward	9IW	Roisin Hastie

10GS	Laura Whitehead	10MS	Zahir Khan
10LB	Madeleine Deykin		

11MM	Oscar Williamson
11SB	Muneeb Khan
11TB	Nicola Northcroft

Congratulations to them all.

Dates for Your Diary

8-12 Nov	Year 7 Fujairah Camp
10 Nov	Year 10 Parents Information Evening 7.00pm
12 Nov	Year 11 Interim Reports Issued
17 Nov	Year 9 Interim Reports Issued
18 Nov	Year 11 Parents Evening 4.00-6.00pm
20-21 Nov	D of E Training Expedition
22 Nov	Sixth Form Information Evening
23 Nov	Year 8 Sharjah Museum Visit
23 Nov	Year 8 Interim Reports Issued
23 Nov	Year 9 Parents Evening 4.00-6.00pm*
24-28 Nov	Eid al Fitr* (school closed)
29 Nov-1 Dec	School open as usual*
30 Nov	Year 8 Parents Evening 4.00-6.00pm*
2-3 Dec	National days* (school closed)

* to be confirmed