



Friday August 30th 2024,

Dear parents,

As parents, it is vital that you are fully-informed at every turn about all aspects of our school's academic curriculum. To this end, you may have already noticed that our weekly primary & secondary newsletters have sections which provide updates about learning which has taken place over the course of the week prior to the publication of the documents each Friday.

However, it is also important that you know exactly what is going to be covered in all lessons over the weeks to come. Next week, you will receive more detailed documents from both our primary & secondary phases which provide parent-friendly overviews, both of which will allow you to see not only what academic content your children will be studying in lessons but also what knowledge, understanding and skills they align with. In addition – because I know that, quite rightly, we have some very ambitious young people within our SIS community – there is also a column in the document which states 'what does excellence look like?' The information here outlines what a student would need to both know and do in order to get the highest marks in a topic; should anyone be keen to do any additional study outside of normal lessons, this column would tell them what would be most worthwhile in terms of research tasks. Finally, there will also be a section which indicates how students will be assessed for each subject and topic over the course of the term. Again, this should provide clarity for those who are looking to prepare as thoroughly as possible for any upcoming examinations.

Ordinarily, these documents will be published right at the beginning of a new term. Given that this is a slightly updated initiative, however, our teachers will need a little time on this occasion to put the information together in the format described above, so I ask for some patience and understanding from parents at this time.

The documents will be sent to you via the usual channels – Dojo and email – and they will also be available to download via our website. Hopefully, the information is presented in a manner which all members of our SIS community

are able to understand, but if there are any questions at all then please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,



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