

Secondary School

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Dear parents/guardians,

Key Stage 5

It has been a very busy first term; the Year 12 students getting to grips with the new challenges in the IB programme, and the Year 13 students planning and finishing all their coursework and their Extended Essays.

The Key Stage 5 team has been putting a lot of effort into changing the content & structure of the current form periods. It is our aim to include more IB related topics in our form time programme (PSHE). One of the first changes was to introduce reflection and target setting time for the students. In the second term we will introduce more new IB elements into our Year 12 PSHE programme, for example, the students in Year 12 will be receiving guidance on starting their Extended Essay.

As part of our careers programme the following London universities visited our school in October; King's College, UCL, Imperial College and the London School of Economics. They provided a very informative presentation to all our students in Year 12 & 13. The universities informed our students of the courses they offer and talked about student life in London. At the end of the presentation our students were given the opportunity to ask questions, which many of our students took up.

On the 11th January Ms Dilara Sekili from the Istanbul Young Leaders programme gave a presentation about the courses available in Istanbul and Summer School Programmes at universities in the USA and the UK. All students received a brochure about the different opportunities offered by this organisation.

During the next two terms the students in Year 12 will be starting the planning and writing for their Extended Essay and their presentation in the Theory of Knowledge course. These two assignments are very important to our candidates in the IB Diploma Programme. The students are expected to invest a lot of time in these assignments during their study periods at school and outside school.

The students in Year 13 are sitting their IB MOCK exams from Monday 17th January– Friday 28th January. During this term they will need to hand in all their course work and meet the subject deadlines, individual subject deadlines have been set for each subject. Friday 9th April is their last at school, after which they will be on study leave till their first IB exam.

In the last week of term Ms Fiona Lewis, form tutor of 12I, went on maternity leave, she is due to give birth in the middle of January. If your child is in 12I and you wish to contact the form tutor you can contact me, john.bosman@bisistanbul.org.

Finally I would like to ask you to contact the school's secretary if your son or daughter is going to be absent for the day. Could you please call, 0212 2027027, or email the secretary, u.doganay@bisistanbul.org, before 9:00 am.

Yours faithfully,

Mr John Bosman