



DHS IB News

Year #1

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Introduction

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year!

I would like to introduce myself as the new IB coordinator. I have worked with the IB program in various capacities since 2008, including as an English teacher, authorization committee member, and CAS coordinator. I am from the U.S, where I received a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Master of Education in Educational Leadership. I have taught in the U.S., as well as in international schools in Egypt, Kazakhstan, and China. I am excited to be returning to Saudi Arabia and ISG after a leave of two years.

Please also welcome our new IB administrative assistant, Ms. Haneen Al Abbasi. Haneen has been with DHS since 2011, and she brings a breadth of knowledge about DHS trips, after-school activities, athletics and other school events. Haneen has a double major Bachelor of Arts in English and French Literature and a Master of Arts in Human Resource Management. She has extensive work experience in Al-Khobar as well as Amman and Abu Dhabi in various semi-government and international organizations.

Working with the IB program and the students at DHS is an honor, and I hope to help students achieve their potential. I believe that student success will come from respecting each other, seeking collaborative solutions, and supporting students in their growth. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time with questions, comments, or concerns at dhs_ib@isg.edu.sa.

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Google Calendar

Use this calendar to track the due dates of all of your major assessments and your HL hours directly in your school's Google Calendar.

New IB Staff

Please welcome the following teachers to our IB staff. **Ms. Zeinab Karnib** comes to us from ISG Dammam, and she will teach French B. Current DHS staff members, **Ms. Rasha El Nasr** and **Mr. Mike Sallings**, will join the IB staff to teach Arabic ab initio and IB Business Management, respectively. **Mr. Joseph Bearns** is returning to the DHS IB staff to teach IB Economics after a year in the U.S. Please note that Mr. Bearns will join us in October. In the meantime, IB Economics will be taught by our Year 2 IB Economics teacher, Dr. Jamie Brown.

Back to School Night

**Tuesday,
September 26**

Please check our website for more details

<http://dhs.isg.edu.sa/>

Please note Ms. Janet Chambers and Ms. Helene Zawila will be unavailable at Back to School Night.

Novels

Please remember that year one students should purchase the novels needed for their Language and Literature course. The novels are listed in the IB Program Course Description Guide. Either paper copies or electronic versions are acceptable.



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Higher-Level Hours

IB requires that all students in higher-level (HL) courses attend 240 hours of class time. Teachers use the additional class time to address the greater number of topics that exist in the higher-level courses as opposed to the standard-level courses. This requires that we schedule some hours of class time outside of the traditional school day. These extra hours will be scheduled on Thursday afternoons between **2:30 - 5:00 pm** and on Saturdays from **8:00 am - 12:00 pm**. A schedule of higher-level hours will be published soon on the IB Student Google Calendar. A complete schedule for the next two years will be published in the October Baccalaureate Bulletin.

Bring Your Own Device Program (BYOD)

As announced last year, all students in the DHS IB program are required to bring a fully charged laptop or tablet with a keyboard to class each day. Students will use these computers extensively in their CAS and content-area classes, where they will participate in collaborative online work. In addition, all students will use their devices for their textbook needs in social studies, math, and science. We recommend that you purchase a protective cover for your device in order to prevent damage.



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IB Induction

Sept. 13 and 14, 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Each year, the Year 2 Students hold an induction for the incoming cohort of students. This year, Cohort #7 will be inducted on **Sept. 13 and 14** from **1:00 - 2:30 pm**. Year 2 students will share information and insights about many topics such as Extended Essay, Theory of Knowledge, the CAS program, grading and assessment, academic honesty and study skills. Cohort #7 students will have the chance to get to know each other, learn about IB requirements, and ask questions. Students will be introduced to important information and tips to help them throughout their two years of study.

Are you an IB Learner?

Inquirer: You develop your natural curiosity, acquire skills to research for answers and expand your love of learning.

Knowledgeable: You explore concepts, ideas and issues that have local and global significance.

Balanced: You maintain equilibrium of your intellectual, physical, and emotional needs.

Communicator: You express your ideas and opinions clearly in more than one mode or language using technology, art, music and drama.

Principled: You act with integrity and honesty, respect the dignity of others and take responsibility for your actions.

Open-minded: You appreciate your own culture and personal history, and are open to the perspectives and traditions of others.

Caring: You show compassion and respect and act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and the environment.

Thinker: You apply your skills to critically and creatively approach complex problems and make reasoned, ethical decisions.

Reflective: You assess and understand your own strengths and limitations to improve your personal development.

Risk-taker: You approach unfamiliar situations with courage and confidence, explore new ideas and articulate your own beliefs.

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