



DHS IB News

Year #2

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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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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.

DHS IB 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. Our current DHS staff member, **Ms. Nancy Khairallah**, will join the IB program to teach IB Math Studies. **Ms. Zeinab Karnib** comes to us from ISG Dammam, and she will teach IB French B.

Mr. Joseph Bearns is returning to the DHS IB staff to teach IB Psychology after a year in the U.S. Please note that Mr. Bearns will join us in early October.

In the meantime, the psychology course will be taught by **Ms. Janice Smith**, in collaboration with our experienced psychology teacher, Dr. Jamie Brown.

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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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.

Important Due Dates

10 Sep	EE Rough Draft Due
17 Sep	Psychology IA Due
26-29 Sep	2nd EE Conference/Reflection
26 Sep	Biology IA Draft
26 Sep	Physics IA Draft