

Clarifications to Enquiries From Parents

Date: 24 April 2018.

The Parent Committee received a few enquiries from Parents. Mr. Steve Giles (Deputy Principal/Head of Secondary) was kind to provide clarification as following;

Subject: Study Schedules and Exam Dates:

It has been noticed that with the current Exam Schedule, examinations finish one month before the end of study.

Q1. Please clarify the reasons behind the schedule?

A1. Exam Schedules are set based on the IGCSE board schedules and the ADEK time table. For years 11, 12, &13, the Exam dates are decided by the IGCSE board. Because the IGCSE exam dates are the same worldwide, the school has “no say” in them.

Q2. When scheduling international exams and local exams, would it be possible to avoid having 2 exams in the same day wherever possible? This will be more comfortable for students especially the locals.

A1. Certainly, this is always applied and taken in consideration. We try our best to schedule exams this way to best suit the majority of students. In fact, the vast majority of exams (95%) are set as one exam in a day.

Q3. There are concerns of having reduction in teacher's availability or quality of study during the one month between exams and end of study.

A3. The study will continue at the same level and quality. Teachers will be available as normal.

Subject: Study During Ramadan:

Q4. What are the Teaching hours during Ramadan? Are they different for fasting and non-fasting students?

A4. Teaching hours during Ramadan follow ADEK guidelines and are expected to be from 8:30am to 1:30pm. Teaching hours will be same for all students.