## THE AAESS SECONDARY SCHOOL FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

<u>Newsletter</u> Term 2, Issue 1



'Achieving Excellence'

Ms Vicky Shillingford, the new Head of Business Studies

I am the new Head of Business Studies and so far I am loving being here at AAESS and in the UAE. I have a son called Gabriel in FS2 and enjoy spending my spare time playing superheroes with him. For hobbies, I enjoy going to the gym and just generally being outside either walking or cycling. In my past I was a thai boxer/kickboxer and was proud of myself to achieve my black belt.

I am really looking forward to the year ahead and the warm weather (compared to the UK).

## Welcome Back!

## Happy New Year for 2019!

We hope you had a nice relaxing holiday except for the Sixth Form students who were busy revising for their mock exams. These took place during the first two weeks of January.

This term we welcome four new members of staff to the secondary school. They are Chris Irlam, Kerry Stradling, Vicky Shillingford and Greg Evans.

In this edition you will read about Ms Shillingford and Ms Stradling and in the next edition you will find out about Mr Irlam and Mr Evans. Please give them a warm AAESS welcome if you see them around.

Now that the Year 11 and Sixth Form mock exams are over and the results are in, provisional exam entries have been made and students will be receiving their reports. Then these students will be very busy preparing for their final exams later this year.

This term, parents' evenings are scheduled for Year 9, 10, 11 and Sixth Form. Please make sure you are aware of the dates when these take place and we look forward to seeing you there to discuss your child's progress. This term we have our International Day on Tuesday February 19<sup>th</sup>.

Everyone is busy preparing for this whole school event in which students are grouped together into their home country.

Please can you support your child in their preparations and we look forward to seeing you there.

Mr Neil Rowley

Assistant Principal, Secondary

## **KEY DATES**

Sixth Form Mock Exams Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January

<u>Year 10 Parents Evening</u> <u>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019</u> <u>5pm – 7.30pm</u>

Year 9 Parents Evening Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 <u>5pm – 7.30pm</u>

Year 11 Reports Issued Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

<u>Year 11 Parents Evening</u> <u>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019</u> <u>5pm – 7.30pm</u>

<u>Sixth Form Reports Issued</u> <u>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February</u>

Sixth Form Parents Evening Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 5pm – 7.30pm

Student Leadership Team Builder Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February

<u>Sports Day</u> Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February <u>– Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February</u>

International Day Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February

<u>Half Term Break</u> <u>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February</u> <u>– Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February</u>





Ms Kerry Stradling, the new Psychology teacher and Head of Year 11

I am the new Head of Year 11 and Teacher of Psychology.

I moved here from England, where I spent most of my adult life in Brighton by the sea.

I have such a passion for Psychology that I recently went back to university to study the subject at Master's level, and retrained to become a clinician.

I am a keen Ballroom and Latin dancer, swimmer and am currently learning to play the drums.