



22nd March 2018

Important Dates

March

- 23 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 25 **CLOCKS GO FORWARD 1 HOUR AT 0100**
- 26-6 Apr **SPRING HOLIDAY**

April

- 9 Return to School
- 11 **IBI Group 4 Project (Action II), 3:00-5:00pm**
- 11 **Grade 9 Trip Parent Meeting, 4:00-5:00 in the MS Seminar Room**
- 13 **Spirit Wear Day**
- 13-15 **DofE Silver Award Expedition**
- 13 **PTO Mums' Night Out (Re-scheduled from 1 March)**
- 16-20 **ES Art & Writing Fair**
- 17 **PTO Spring General Meeting & AGM, 8:30am**
- 17 **IBI Group 4 Project Gallery, 4:00-5:00pm**
- 17 **Grade 11 Class Trip Parent Meeting, 5:00pm**
- 19 **ES Open House, 6:30-8:00pm**
- 20 **HS Field Day**
- 21-22 **DofE Bronze Award Expedition**
- 25 **Last Day of Classes for Grade 12 Students**
- 27 **Teacher In-Service – No School for Students**
- 30 **Last Day for 2017-18 Yearbook Orders**

► From the Head of School

Dear Parents,

Math Contest and Spelling Bee

This past week, MS students represented ISA at a Math Competition at Aberdeen University and a group of Middle School students also competed in a French and Spanish Spelling Bee in Dundee. I'm inspired by their enthusiasm for these academic competitions as well as their desire to learn more.

Parent Conferences

Thank you for attending the Parent-Teacher Conferences this week. I hope they are productive and you gain useful feedback that will help you to support your child and their learning over the final months of the school year.

Appreciation Lunch

On behalf of the teachers and staff, I would like to express my gratitude for the time and effort invested in this year's Staff Appreciation Lunch, and acknowledge how fortunate we feel to be a part of the ISA community and work alongside you and your children in support of their education.

Spring Break

Our IB2 students will be using the holiday to review and revise for their final exams, and I wish them all the best with their studies, as well as recommending that they get some good sleep and exercise, for their overall wellbeing and to enhance their academic performance. Whether you are travelling great distances or enjoying a relaxing time here in Aberdeen, I wish you a safe and enjoyable break and look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday, 9th April.

Kind regards,

Sarah Bruce

Head of School

▶ From the MS/HS Principal

Dear Middle/High School Parents,

I am sure the students are looking forward to their well-earned break, and I hope you will be able to spend some quality time with friends and family. Our IB2 students will, of course, be looking ahead to their final exams and some advice I once heard from a representative from Lanterna is worth sharing here. She recommended that students build revision schedules with manageable, focused bitesize blocks. This is nothing out of the ordinary but she went on to make a point of emphasising the need to include 'fun' activities to look forward to. The motivation of a scheduled kick-about or a coffee with friends could make that hour and a half of chemistry calculations more tolerable.

Our Middle School students have been competing in a Maths competition and also a French and Spanish Spelling Bee. The IBI students have been continuing the work on their collaborative Group Four Projects in Science, and they hope to share their findings with you at a Gallery Walk on 17th April at 4:00pm.

There is a lot to look forward to in the second part of this semester, not least Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, Kiva events, Field Days, Trips, Tournaments and Graduation. Encourage your children to recharge their batteries, and I look forward to seeing them again on 9th April.

Angus Carmichael

MS/HS Principal

▶ From the Elementary Principal

Dear Parents,

Holiday Time

Three-fourths of the school year is officially complete and the children, teachers and parents are ready for a holiday! Our students continue to grow so well in both their skills and their ability to tackle new challenges. Hopefully, the parent conferences have been productive and the children have a good sense of the goals they each need to strive for in the last quarter.

We will 'hit the ground' running from 9th April, with many exciting events planned. A highlight is the Elementary Spring Open House on 19th April. This is a student-led evening event, from 6:30 to 8:00pm. The theme for Open House is Art & Writing. Look for more details in the grade level newsletters in April.

In the meantime, all the best for a lovely holiday filled with family fun.

Best regards,

Don Newbury
Elementary Principal

► From the Fine Arts Department

Have a great Spring Break!!

Watch the THISTLE for upcoming concerts, exhibits and performances!

ISA Fine Arts Department

► From the Library

We hope you and your family will enjoy some relaxing holiday reading over the next two weeks! All students have had the opportunity to borrow books for the holiday, and students in Elementary School were able to borrow twice as many books as usual, to make sure they had plenty to read. Please encourage your children to keep their library books (and any other books) safe if you take them with you on your travels.

Josie Crimp
Librarian

befriend a child



turn a frown upside down

Dear Parents,

My teammates and I would like to thank everyone that donated their clothing and board games to us throughout the month of February - your help was invaluable! Thanks to you, we were able to give support to those in need of it in the city's community by giving to Befriend A Child.

As Spring break begins, we also hope you have a relaxing break!

Thanks again,

Joannes Madu
G11



What's New This Week

23rd March 2018

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered for positions on the board for 2018. We are still looking for someone to take on President, please don't hesitate to reach out to me personally if you have questions about this role and what it involves.

On behalf of the PTO Board we wish you a wonderful Easter break and hope to see you at the Mums Night out on 13th April.

Melinda Hulm

PTO President

pto@isa.aberdeen.sch.uk



Board and Associate Candidate Slate 2018/19

President	TBC
Social (Associate)	Kimberly Ferris
Fundraising Chair	Angelle Begnaud
Advertising Chair	Tasha Backus
HS CEC Rep	Tracy Rieflin
MS CEC Rep	Sandra Green
LS CEC (Associate)	Giulia Melzani
Boosters Chair	Melanie Cutler
Boosters (Associate)	Sara Ritchie
SpiritWear Co-Chair	Nieke Dashorst
Volunteer Coordinator	Alison Johannesen
Cultural Liaison	Yuliya Mullaney

The PTO will vote on the proposed slate at our Annual General Meeting 17th April 8:30am.

We hope to see you there.

It's the YEARBOOK!!

Order Form for 2017-18 Book

Last Date for Orders: 30 April 2018

The price of this year's book is only **£25**. The book will be distributed in the spring.
(Please make cheques payable to 'International School of Aberdeen' or 'ISA'.)

Students' names, grade levels (and in case of elementary students please also include teacher's name):

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Date: _____

Payment of £_____ made by:

Cash Cheque Card IPayImpact
cheque # _____

Yearbooks may be paid for in the business office, or directly from Yearbook Adviser (Chandra Gair). No money to be accepted at Reception.

Customer Receipt

The price for 2017-18 yearbooks is £25 **per** book.

Number of books ordered and paid for: _____

Family name: _____

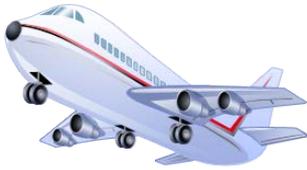
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In case of cash payment: Signature of salesperson/Business Office stamp: _____



Leaving ISA in June or sooner?

Please complete the attached Withdrawal Form and return it to Mary Rayne (Elementary) or Annette Brand (Middle/High) as soon as possible.

This will ensure that all student records are ready in time for your departure and that we have your forwarding details.

If you think you **may** be leaving but this has not yet been confirmed, please could you let us know? This will help us to be prepared for you and in no way jeopardises your child's place at ISA.

Non-Corporate Fee Payers are obliged to provide 60 days written notice of withdrawal, sent for the attention of the Head of School with a copy to the ISA Business Office.

Thank you.

Mary Rayne
Annette Brand





WITHDRAWAL FORM

Please notify us as soon as possible if you know you will be leaving in the next few months. Even if you know you are leaving but do not have a definite date, it would be helpful for us to know.

Non-Corporate Fee Payers are obliged to provide 60 days written notice of withdrawal, sent for the attention of the Head of School with a copy to the ISA Business Office.

Please complete and email to either: Annette Brand (Middle/High School Secretary) at abrand@isa.aberdeen.sch.uk or Mary Rayne (Elementary School Secretary) at mrayne@isa.aberdeen.sch.uk

FAMILY NAME:		WITHDRAWAL DATE (or estimated if not confirmed):
STUDENT'S NAME:		GRADE:
RECEIVING SCHOOL: (NAME & ADDRESS)		
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RECEIVING SCHOOL: (NAME & ADDRESS)		
COMPANY:		
FAMILY FORWARDING ADDRESS: (if new address is unknown, please supply an alternative e.g. relative/friend)		
EMAIL ADDRESS:		

Any confidential psychological or educational psychology assessments will be handed directly to parents in a sealed envelope to present to the receiving schools.

PARENT SIGNATURE (permission to release records):	DATE:
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