

RAHA REMINDERS

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Key Dates

- 5 Sept: Meet the Senior Leaders: The Year Ahead
- 5 Sept: Sport Team Sign-Ups open
- 11 Sept: Teacher-Led ECP Sign-Ups open
Secondary Trip Information Evening
- 11 - 14 Sept: EY1 & EY2 Settling in Meetings
- 12 & 13 Sept: Grade 1 - 5 Settling in Meetings
- 15 Sept: EY Dot Day
- 25 Sept: Teacher-led ECPs start

Welcome back!



Whole School

Raha Raptors Sport Sign-Ups

We have an action-packed term ahead for our Raha Raptors sports teams in the ADISSA league. Our goal is to make sports at Raha GC competitive but also inclusive. We want the whole community to be part of the journey and have the opportunity of getting involved on a Sports Team. Please see our full list of Primary and Secondary Raptors sports teams [here](#). Signups will open on SchoolsBuddy on Friday 1 September. Please contact our database administrator at dbadmin@ris.ae if you have any trouble accessing your SchoolsBuddy account.

MYP/DP Sports Teams: All are encouraged to come to training and a team will be selected for competitive games.

PYP Sports Teams: PYP sports teams students will be attending one practice and one game per week (depending on numbers there may be a selection of students to attend games, however all are encouraged to come to every practice!)

For more information about Swim Squad and Triathlon, please click [here](#).



Teacher and Parent Recital

The first installment of our cross-campus Black Box Recital Series this year will be delivered by the teachers and parents of our Raha community on Wednesday 27 September. Applications for performances (music, dance or drama) are now open. Please complete the form [here](#) to sign up

Senior Leaders Session: The Year Ahead

Join us to meet the Senior leaders and discuss the year ahead on Tuesday 5 September in the auditorium (Building G).

8:00 - 8:30am: EY and Primary session
8:30 - 9:00am: Secondary session

6:00 - 6:30pm: EY and Primary session
6:30 - 7:00pm: Secondary session



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Parent Coaches

We are looking for some enthusiastic passionate parent coaches that can help with our Raha Raptors Sports Teams. If you are interested in assisting with badminton, basketball, football or volleyball teams and would like to be involved in coaching our teams then please contact Andrea at amckinnon@ris.ae



Teacher-Led ECPs

Our teacher-led ECPs will begin on 25 September and will run until 24 November. We will share a list of all ECPs in our Raha Reminders next week, and sign-ups will open on 11 September on SchoolsBuddy. Please contact our database administrator at dbadmin@ris.ae if you have any trouble accessing your SchoolsBuddy account.

FourNotes Instrument Lessons

FourNotes, our instrumental lesson provider, will be on campus on Tuesday morning before school demonstrating some of the instruments students can take lessons on and taking new signups for this academic year. Come on down to the Raptor's Nest to hear them and enroll your son/daughter in instrumental lessons.

School Advisory Board (SAB)

The School Advisory Board (SAB) are seeking passionate community members to help shape the future of our students. Please click on the link to register your expressions of interest. Registration will close Friday 8 September. [SAB Expressions of Interest](#)

Early Years

A wonderful first week in Early Years – it was fantastic to see parents and students in school, there were lots of smiles and laughs too. We are so excited to have all of our Early Years students in full time this week.



Emily Merton



Musical Sign-Ups Now Open

Signups for the EY2/G1 Musical "Stella the Starfish" are now open on SchoolsBuddy! Stella the Starfish is a magical underwater tale with an important message about being helpful to others.



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School Day Timings

Monday to Thursday:

7:30am: classroom doors open
8:00am: registration closes
1:00pm: EY1 end of day
2:00pm: EY2 end of day

Friday:

7:30am: classroom doors open
8:00am: registration closes
12:00pm: whole school end of day

EY Dot Day

Friday 15 September will EY Dot Day! We invited students to dress up in their dottiest, spottiest clothing. More info will be shared next week.

Primary

Musical Sign-Ups Now Open

Signups for the EY2/G1 Musical "Stella the Starfish" are now open on SchoolsBuddy! Stella the Starfish is a magical underwater tale with an important message about being helpful to others. Please note that G1 students wishing to audition for a speaking or solo singing role must sign up to BOTH G1 groups.

Secondary

Secondary Trip Information Evening

We are so excited to share that our secondary students in Grades 7 – 12 will have opportunities to participate in international trips throughout the year, and these are in addition to the number of local fieldtrips our students will take in the UAE. Students will have the opportunity to travel to places such as Cambodia, Kenya, Tanzania, Nepal, and Thailand! Students will be learning the finer details of these trips next week and a Parent session run by our camps provider Camps International will be on Monday 11th September 4:00–5:00pm

Ms Emma



Mr Gary



Ms Zaynah



Grade 9 & 10 Course Changes

Please note that any requested changes to G9 Arts selections or G10 Sciences, Design, Arts selections need to take place before 12pm on September 8th. Changes can only be processed before that date and only if class sizes permit.



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DP Team

We are delighted to welcome some new faces to the DP Team this year: Ms Emma will be taking over as Head of Grade 12; Mr Gary is the new CAS Coordinator; Ms Zaynah will be leading the EE programme and Ms Maria is the new Head of ToK. Mr Darren is the new counsellor and can't wait to get to know all the new students. Of course we still have Mr Brian and his University Team and Grade 11 are very fortunate to have Mr Walter as their Head of Grade.



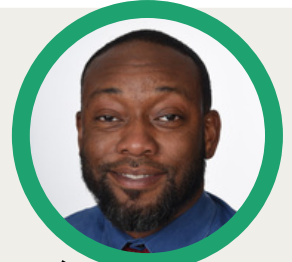
Ms Maria



Mr Darren



Mr Brian



Mr Walter

Timetable

We are pleased to announce that the timetable will be a one-week schedule this year, with each lesson one hour long. Students will have several study periods on their timetables. It is important that they use the time wisely, to catch up on work. Both Grade 11 and 12 have access to the DP Lounge and the DP Study Hall. It is important for students to have downtime, but they must be self-disciplined and not spend the whole of their study periods in the Lounge.

Well-Being

Bearing in mind the mantra "A healthy body leads to a healthy mind", Grade 11 students will have a compulsory well-being lesson each week, led by members of the DP Team and our new counsellor, Mr Darren. These are compulsory lessons and are invaluable for students as they learn key study habits and how to alleviate stress.

Academic Support

To aid our students' academic progress we will be introducing an academic support programme, where each DP teacher will have regular termly check-ins with students to make sure everything is going on track: from study plans to university applications; reflecting on past wins and losses and setting goals for the short and long-term.

Uniform Expectations

Students are expected to be in correct uniform. Please see our uniform policy [here](#).

Headphones and Cellphones

Students are not permitted to use headphones or cellphones during school hours. We ask parents to support us to discourage cellphone use during class or school hours. If your child requires support during the day, please encourage them to contact their Advisor or Head of Grade.

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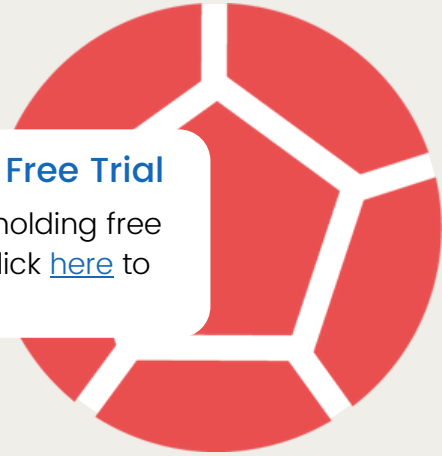
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Heat Index

We are still operating under our Heat Policy, where the MYP pitch is closed and outdoor activities are not permitted, and students can eat inside or outdoors in shade. Students have a number of indoor areas available to them that include the canteen, library and the ground floor of C block.

IJF Academy Free Trial

IJF Academy is holding free football trials! Click [here](#) to learn more.



Arabian Swim Academy

Signups for Arabian Swim Academy are open! Please see more [here](#).



The CF Tennis Academy is open for registration! Click [here](#) to register your child, or contact

info@cftennisacademy.com.

The season will run from 4 September – 8 December.

Raha Social Media

Love our Raha Raptors sports or our Performing Arts Department? Follow our dedicated Instagram pages for highlights, updates and more!



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